



What happens to the mattress or box spring when it is recycled?

Steel inner-springs and box springs can be melted and reformed into new steel.

Mattress foam is ground up, mixed with binders and formed into the foam padding used underneath wall-to-wall carpets and in other cushioning applications.

Box spring/foundation wood can be chipped and used as animal bedding, mulch or biomass fuel.

Fabrics and fibers are reprocessed and used to make things like filters for industrial equipment.



Mattress collection in Rhode Island changed as of May 1, 2016.

The Mattress Recycling Council, in conjunction with Rhode Island Resource Recovery, has contracted with recycling vendors throughout the state to collect and recycle clean and dry mattresses and box springs.

Questions?

Contact the Recycling Coordinator

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bye bye mattress

A Program of the Mattress Recycling Council

Coventry Mattress Recycling Program

Mattress collection has changed!



Town of Coventry

Department of Public Works

1670 Flat River Rd.

Coventry, RI 02816



WHAT IS ACCEPTED?

Mattresses and box springs are acceptable for this program if they are

- INTACT,
- DRY, and
- mostly CLEAN.

Please see the pictures labeled "ok" for reference.



Collection Options

Resident Brings to the Transfer Station

FREE! There is **no fee** for a Coventry Resident to bring his/her mattress and/or box spring to the Transfer Station provided it meets the acceptability criteria.

Items that do not meet the criteria for the recycling program are subject to a \$50.00 disposal fee per unit. *

Curbside Collection

Units that are acceptable under the recycling guidelines may be collected curbside but are subject to a \$10.00 special collection fee per unit.*

Units that do not meet the criteria for the recycling program are subject to a \$50.00 disposal fee per individual unit. *

Resident Drop Off at Recycling Facility

ACE Mattress Recycling will pay Rhode Island Residents \$2.00 per unit, up to four units per person-per day, up to eight units per person per year if they are dropped off at their warehouse location.

ACE Mattress Recycling

14 Clyde St.

West Warwick, RI 02893

401-615-9619

What is not acceptable?



- **Severely damaged, twisted, wet, frozen or soiled mattresses**
- **Mattresses infested with bed bugs or other living organisms**
- Sleeping bags, pillows and cushions, loose bedding, blankets or sheets
- Car beds and juvenile products, i.e., a carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, or crib bumper
- Water beds, camping air mattresses, loose mattress pads and toppers
- Fold-out sofa beds, futons and furniture



For more information on bedbugs, please refer to www.ct.gov/caes/CCABB