

IT'S FREE TO

Recycle Mattresses



Recycle mattresses for free!

Take old mattresses and box springs mattresses to the McCourtney Road Transfer Station and there is no charge if the mattress is unsoiled. Soiled mattresses are not recyclable and cost money to dispose of, so don't leave them out in the rain.

Upon the purchase of a new mattress, the recycling fee is paid upfront at the store. This program has been so effective that between 2016 and 2023, 11.1 million mattresses were recycled, according to Mattress Recycling Council.



Here is where to take mattresses

McCourtney Road Transfer Station
14741 Wolf Mountain Road, Grass Valley
Hours of Operation:

- Wednesday – Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Closed on the following Federal Holidays: New Year's Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day

Non-soiled mattresses are free to drop off, up to five per resident.
Soiled mattress are subject to dumping fees.



Mattresses that are not free to drop off

Mattresses not covered by this free program include those that are severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen, or spoiled, as well as any mattress or box spring infested with bed bugs. Additionally, mattress pads or toppers, sleeping bags, pillows, car beds, crib mattresses, air mattresses, and sofa bed mattresses are not free to drop off.



What happens when a mattress is recycled?

Mattresses are cut open and the layers are separated. The interior materials are organized by type. Foam, fiber and other soft commodities are compressed. For instance, foam and fabric is shredded and blended into carpet padding. Cotton fibers are used in insulation products. Wood is recycled and used as a fuel source. It is also shredded to product landscaping mulch. Metal and box springs are extracted and sent to scrap recyclers, then sold to foundries and steel mills. Steel springs are recycled as metal scrap and used in construction rebar and other steel products. Up to 75% of a used mattress' components can be recycled.



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