Mattress Recycling Council

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A MATTRESS IS RECYCLED?

Mattresses are **CUT OPEN & THE LAYERS** are separated.

Interior materials are **ORGANIZED** by type.

Foam, fiber and other soft commodities are **COMPRESSED.**

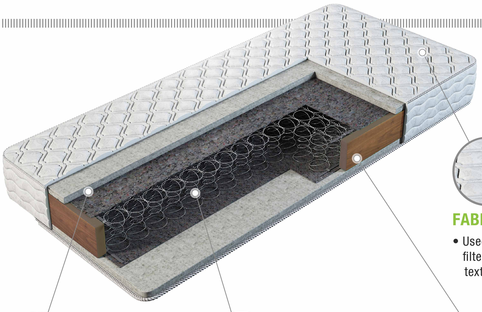
Metal & box springs ARE EXTRACTED & sent to scrap recyclers.

Then sold to steel mills **& FOUNDRIES.**

Wood is recycled & used **AS A FUEL SOURCE.**

Up to 80% of a used mattress' components

CAN BE RECYCLED.



FABRIC/FIBERS
- Used in industrial oil filters and other textile applications

FOAM PADDING
- Turned into carpet underlayment or animal bed padding

STEEL SPRINGS
- Recycled as metal scrap
- Used to make new appliances and building materials

WOODEN FRAMES
- Shredded to produce landscaping mulch or burned as an alternative fuel source

We have collected more than

4,500,000 mattresses

for recycling so far in California, Connecticut & Rhode Island.

Why Recycle?

Conservation of resources by using **OLD STEEL, FOAM, WOOD** & other materials to create **NEW PRODUCTS.**

Less reliance on **INCINERATORS & LANDFILLS** by diverting mattresses from **THE WASTE STREAM.**

CREATING RECYCLING JOBS.

Reducing the number of **ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESSES.**

More than 50,000 mattresses are discarded **each day.**

YOU CAN HELP.

http://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/