



MATTRESS RECYCLING

Lyon County Environmental Office

504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall, MN 56258
Phone: 507-532-8210 | www.lyonco.org/recycle
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What items are accepted?**

Bed, futon, and sleep number mattresses and box frames for crib, twin, double, queen, and king sizes.

2. **What items are NOT accepted?**

Air mattresses, water beds, bed frames, and other furniture.

3. **Where should I bring my mattress?**

Bring your mattress to the Lyon County Fairgrounds at 504 Fairgrounds Road in Marshall from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The Lyon County landfill will also collect your mattress for recycling.

4. **Why is it important to recycle mattresses and box frames?**

A mattress uses considerable air space in a landfill due to the metal springs, foam padding, and cotton. For instance, a cubic yard of a mattress weighs around 80 pounds, while a cubic yard of typical landfill waste weighs around 1,000 pounds. This means 920 pounds of landfill waste is displaced, filling the available landfill space faster than expected.

Furthermore, 80% of a mattress is recyclable, so it just makes sense! The materials in a mattress and box frame can be used for wood chips, carpet padding, scrap metal, and textiles.

5. **What do you do with the mattresses?**

The mattresses are disassembled and the materials are sorted and sent out to be used for wood chips, textiles, scrap metal, and carpet padding.

6. **Is there a fee for mattresses and box frames?**

There is a fee of \$7 per item, mattress or box frame. This money goes towards competitive wages for Advance Opportunities employees to disassemble, as well as for the cost of processing. We are able to recycle mattresses and box frames at this low cost due to the space and money saved in the landfill.

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7. What condition should the mattress be in?

Mattresses accepted for recycling must be clean and dry. All mattresses will be inspected upon arrival, and any that are filthy, soaked, or show signs of mold, damage, or infestation will NOT be accepted.

8. What if my mattress is unacceptable?

If the mattress cannot be recycled, you will need to take it to the landfill for a disposal cost of \$25.

9. Can someone pick up my mattress and/or box frame for me?

No, please bring your mattress and box frame to either the Lyon County Fairgrounds or the Lyon County landfill.

10. Can I leave my mattress by my recycling cart for collection?

No, a mattress will not be picked up with regular recycling.

11. Is there a limit to the number of mattresses I can drop off?

Nope, bring as many as you need! All items at \$7 charge.

12. Will there be someone on site to help me unload my items?

Yes, we will help you unload your items.

Do not leave your mattress or box spring at the site if an employee is not there to accept it.

Thank you!