



## Mattress & Box Frame Recycling

**Small Effort:** Recycle your mattress and box frames.

### BIG IMPACT

**Local jobs for adults with disABILITIES.**

Competitive employment for adults with the abilities to disassemble mattresses. On an average day, 18-20 mattresses will be recycled with an estimate of 3,500 mattresses/year!

**Did you know 80% of a mattress can be recycled?** Recyclable materials from the mattress and box frames create carpet padding, textiles and wood chips.

**Save money.** Recycling mattresses saves money on the wasted air space that they typically take up in the landfill.



**\$16**  
PER MATTRESS  
(BOX SPRING  
FREE)

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Frequently Asked Questions!



### Take to: Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

504 Fairgrounds Road, Marshall, MN 56258 phone: 507-532-8210  
Open Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 2nd Saturday of each month 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cash, check, debit card or credit card (Visa, Discover, Mastercard) accepted.  
A convenience fee is charged for using debit/credit cards. Fees subject to change.



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### Frequently Asked Questions:

**What items are accepted for mattress recycling?** Bed, futon, and sleep number mattresses and box frames for crib, twin, double, queen, and king sizes.

**What items are NOT accepted for mattress recycling?** Air mattresses, water beds, bed frames, and other furniture. (These items need to be taken to the landfill for disposal.)

**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.

**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 \$60.

**Where should I bring my mattress?** Bring your mattress to the Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

**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.

**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.

**Is there a fee for mattresses and box frames?** There is a fee of \$16 per mattress (box frame is free). 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.

**Can someone pick up my mattress and/or box frame for me?** No, please bring your mattress and box frame to the Lyon County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

**Can I leave my mattress by my recycling cart for collection?** No, a mattress will not be picked up with regular recycling.

**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.



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