

Mattress Recycling



As of November 1, 2022 Mattresses are added to the list of materials banned from disposal or transport for disposal in Massachusetts. Douglas will no longer be accepting mattresses at the Transfer Station.

To help you understand these changes and the reasons behind them, the MassDEP has written a newsletter focusing on the new Waste Bans and why they are important. You can read the newsletter in its entirety here: [Waste Bans 101: Less Trash for a Cleaner Massachusetts](#)

OPTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES:

Tom Berkowitz Trucking Inc. (fee for disposal)

<http://tomberkowitztruckinginc.com/>

279 Douglas Road
Whitinsville, MA 01588
[\(508\) 234-2920](tel:(508)234-2920)

Webster Transfer Station (fee for disposal)

15 Cudworth Rd
Webster, MA 01570
[\(508\) 949-3866](tel:(508)949-3866)

CHARITY (mattress must be stain free with no holes)

Central Mass Housing Alliance (call for information)

[774-243-3821](tel:774-243-3821)

Textile Recovery and Recycling



As of November 1, 2022 Textiles will no longer be allowed in the trash.

Please dispose of all textiles in the textile bin located in the recycle area at the Transfer Station.

Textile Recovery

About 230,000 TONS of textiles are disposed of annually in Massachusetts – 95% of which could have been reused, resold, or remade into something new instead. Textiles are anything from clothing (shirts, sweaters, pants) to footwear (sneakers, sandals, cleats) to accessories (bags, belts, hats) to linens (sheets, towels, and more).

There are many paths your used textiles can take:

- Donated textiles can be given or resold to people who need them here in the US and abroad.
- Textiles in poor condition can become industrial wiping cloths, aka "shop rags".
- Anything that cannot be resold can be remanufactured into insulation used by a variety of industries (e.g., automotive, home furnishings, and carpet padding).

Textiles should **never** go in your household recycling bin. They also do not belong in the trash, unless they are wet, moldy, or contaminated.

Drop off textiles at designated collection bins or donate them to your favorite charity or thrift store. Donation bins accept the widest range of items; your local thrift store may be more restrictive in what they want. Some organizations will even pick up from your home. Go to [Beyond the Bin](#) for more information.