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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Waste Ban on Mattresses and Textiles

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In October of 2021 MassDEP issued its final **2030 Solid Waste Master Plan**.

This final Master Plan establishes goals to reduce disposal statewide by 30 percent (from 5.7 million tons in 2018 to 4 million tons in 2030) over the next decade. It sets a long-term goal of achieving a 90 percent reduction in disposal down to 570,000 tons by 2050.

Among its strategies for reaching these objectives, MassDEP will expand its current **waste disposal bans** by:

- Lowering the threshold on commercial organic/food waste to facilities generating more than one-half ton of these materials per week; and
- Adding mattresses and textiles to the list of materials banned from disposal or transport for disposal in Massachusetts.

These changes require amendments to the Commonwealth's 310 CMR 19.000: Solid Waste Management Facility Regulations, which will have an effective date of **November 1, 2022**.

In response to this future disposal ban on mattresses and textiles, the Mansfield Department of Public Works Director presented a PowerPoint presentation with information and guidance to the Select Board during its September 21, 2022 public meeting.

As a result of the upcoming mattress and textile ban, the Town has selected a Massachusetts Company by the name of HandUp, a social impact business, located in New Bedford that recycles and upcycles mattresses in an environmentally sustainable way, as its preferred vendor for mattress recycling as well as box springs.



As of October 14, 2022, Mansfield residents can directly contact HandUp to make an appointment for curbside pickup of a mattress and/or box spring by going directly to the HandUp webpage <https://www.handupmattress.com/curbside-pickup> or by calling 774-271-8744. Please note that at this time curbside pickup will be once a month with the first collection being November 23, 2022. The charge for each mattress and box spring will be \$50.

Please note that Mansfield residents will no longer use the Bulky Items & White Goods sticker program but rather contact HandUp directly and schedule the pick-up for their mattresses and box springs.

For more information on the MassDEP's **November 1, 2022** Mattress and Textile disposal ban and recommendations on how residents can schedule their mattresses and textiles to be recycled, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.mansfieldma.com/436/Public-Works---Trash-and-Recycling>

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