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## **Updated MassDEP Waste Ban: Mattresses and Box Springs**

**Starting 09/12/2022, mattresses and box springs will no longer be allowed for curbside trash collection and will no longer qualify as a bulk item, due to the updated MassDEP waste ban, which requires mattresses to be recycled.**

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has made amendments to its waste ban regulations which includes the banning of mattresses from the trash stream and requiring them to be recycled. MassDEP's 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan establishes goals to reduce trash disposal statewide by 30 percent (from 5.7 million tons in 2018 to 4 million tons in 2030) over the next decade. Among its strategies for reaching these objectives, MassDEP will expand its current waste disposal bans by adding mattresses to the list of materials banned from disposal or transport for disposal in Massachusetts.

After this deadline, when you purchase a new mattress, ask the retailer to collect your old one. If you do not have a mattress purchase and need curbside disposal, please visit [utecinc.org/mattress-recycling](http://utecinc.org/mattress-recycling) and select 'Andover' to schedule a curbside pickup from our preferred vendor, UTEC. Residents can also drop off at their facility by appointment. Call UTEC at 978-856-3997 for more information. Residents are free to use other private disposal options if they so choose. Residents are responsible for associated costs.

For more information on mattress disposal after this deadline, please visit [andoverma.gov/mattress](http://andoverma.gov/mattress). To learn more about this mattress ban and MassDEP's Solid Waste Master Plan, please visit [mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans](http://mass.gov/guides/massdep-waste-disposal-bans).

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