

Mattress Recycling

Mattresses and box springs are among the bulkiest and least-compactable items people throw away. Keeping them out of the landfill is better for landfill longevity and provides materials for new products. One mattress represents 23 cubic feet of recycling opportunities.

Its staff begins the recycling process by sorting out mattresses that are still in usable condition. Reusable mattresses are sent to community thrift stores in Oregon for resale. Unusable mattresses are deconstructed into their components: wood, metal, textile and cotton batting.

Approximately 1,500 pounds of polyurethane foam per day is recycled by St. Vincent de Paul. The balance of materials is recycled by others. Wood will be used in mulch, compost or energy production, metal springs are sold to metal dealers, and the cotton and fabrics are sold in the textile market.

Customers who bring their mattresses to the Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex are asked to help us reuse as many as possible by keeping them clean and stacking them neatly in the mattress area.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010, Davis Street collected over 15,000 mattresses for recycling.

MATERIAL MATTERS

Mattresses have a life span of about 10.8 years.

Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex 2615 Davis Street San Leandro, CA 94577

Hours of Operation: MON - FRI: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm SAT: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm SUN: Closed

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