



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)

Waste Ban on Mattresses and Textiles

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

When do the waste bans on mattresses and textiles take effect?

A: The revised waste ban regulations that ban mattresses and textiles take effect on November 1, 2022.

What type(s) of mattresses are subject to the mattress waste disposal ban?

A: Mattresses are defined in the regulations as “any resilient material or combination of materials that is enclosed by ticking, used alone or in combination with other products, and that is intended for sleeping upon, except for mattresses that are contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances. Mattress includes any foundation or box spring. "Mattress" does not include any mattress pad, mattress topper, sleeping bag, pillow, car bed, carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, crib bumper, liquid or gaseous filled ticking, including any waterbed and any air mattress that does not contain upholstery material between the ticking and the mattress core, and mattresses in futons and sofa beds.” All sizes of mattresses are included under the ban: California king, king, queen, full, twin XL, twin, and crib mattresses.

What about full-foam or latex mattresses, or “mattresses in a box”?

A: Yes, those specific mattress products are included in the waste ban.

What type of textiles are subject to the waste disposal ban?

A: Textiles are defined in the regulations as “clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, curtains, fabric, and similar products, except for textiles that are contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances.”

Places that will currently accept the waste ban items above are:

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