

2016

MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS



Beginning January 1st, 2016 there will be a \$15 fee per each mattress or box spring, (regardless of size), that is delivered to the La Crosse County Landfill site.

THE FACTS

Each year the La Crosse County Landfill buries an average of 7500 mattresses and box springs.

Mattresses & Box Springs:

- Do not compact well.
- Are bulky items that take up undue amount of space in landfills. (4x times that of regular municipal garbage.)
- Present hazards to landfill compaction equipment and employees.
- Contain valuable materials that can be recycled (such as steel, foam, and fabric, etc.)
- Prove to be a valuable resource when properly recycled.



This initiative is part of a recycling effort that seeks to divert mattresses and box springs from being buried in landfills while encouraging the proper recycling of these items so that their valuable materials can be reclaimed.

WHAT IS THE FEE USED FOR?

The \$15 fee covers the cost of processing the mattress or box spring for recycling.

For those mattresses or box springs that cannot be recycled the \$15 fee covers the true cost of disposal in the landfill system.

2015 RECYCLING STUDY

The La Crosse County Solid Waste Department funded a trial mattress and box spring recycling program in 2015 to explore and develop an efficient recycling stream for mattresses and box springs.

The success of the trial program demonstrated the viability of mattress and box spring recycling when citizens, businesses, and haulers are proactive in participating in the proper recycling of mattresses and box springs.

Please join the La Crosse County Solid Waste Department in properly recycling your used mattress or box spring.

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