



Town of Canton, Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
801 Washington St, Canton, MA 781-821-5023



MATTRESS & TEXTILE BAN STARTING NOVEMBER 1, 2022,

THE TOWN OF CANTON WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING MATTRESSES WITH THE TRASH.

"New state rules require mattresses and textiles be kept out of the trash so they can be recycled or donated for reuse." Beginning November 1, 2022, landfills and waste-to-energy facilities across the Commonwealth will no longer accept these items for disposal. Instead, mattresses must be recycled or reused, and textiles must be donated for reuse or other secondary uses.



MATTRESSES – are defined 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 to sleep upon. Box springs are also categorized under the mattress definition and are discarded through the same process. MassDEP counts a mattress and box spring as separate units (i.e. (1) singular mattress = (1) singular unit).

The following items will not be accepted:

- Mattresses that are wet or contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oils, or hazardous substances.
- Mattress topper, sleeping bag, pillow, car bed, carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, crib bumper, futon or sofa bed mattresses, liquid or gaseous filled ticking, including any waterbed or air mattress that does not contain upholstery material between the ticking and the mattress core.

Canton residents have (3) three options for discarding of a mattress:

1. If buying a new mattress, ask retailer about recycling old mattress and box spring when delivering new mattress.
2. Residents can call **Green Team Junk Removal** at (508) 361 0519 or visit the Green Team Junk Removal website at www.gogreenteamjunk.com to schedule an appointment for curbside pick-up. Residents are responsible for curbside collection fee of **\$75.00 per unit** payable to Green Team Junk Removal prior to collection, see Green Team Junk Removal website for payment options.
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3. Residents can bring old mattress and/or box spring to the mattress drop-off container located at the Canton Transfer Station (99 Pine St, Canton, MA), **NO MATTRESS/BOX SPRING FEE ACCEPTED** at Transfer Station.

Transfer Station hours of operation:

- **April 4, 2022 to Dec. 10, 2022 from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM Monday to Saturday.**
- **Winter Hours starting Dec. 14, 2022 to April 1, 2023 Wednesday to Saturday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.**

FEE must be paid PRIOR TO DROP-OFF SEE DETAILS BELOW:

Residents are responsible for drop-off fee of **\$40.00 per unit** to be paid in person at the Department of Public Works, 801 Washington St, **prior to drop-off**, Town of Canton accepts cash, check, or money order. Canton Residents **MUST** present PAID receipt to attendant when dropping off mattress and/or box spring.

Dept. Public Works Office hours of operation are:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM, Tuesday 7:30 AM -5:00 PM, & Friday 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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TEXTILES – are defined as anything from clothing (shirts, sweaters, pants) to footwear (sneakers, sandals, cleats) to accessories (bags, belts, hats) to linens (sheets, towels, and more). Good-condition items are sold at secondhand shops, while worn/torn textiles are turned into rags, insulation, and more.

- Textiles do not belong in the trash, unless they are wet, moldy, or contaminated.
- Textiles should **NEVER** go into your household recycling bin.

Canton residents have (2) two options for discarding of textiles:

1. Residents are encouraged to donate textiles to their favorite charity or thrift store.
 - Contact charity or thrift store directly for donation procedures.
 - Charities and thrift stores may have websites for in-store drop-off opportunities or a directory of specific collection bin locations.
 - Some organizations will even pick up from your home.
2. Residents can drop off bagged textiles in the designated textile recycling bin at the Canton Transfer Station during hours of operation.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING & WASTE INFORMATION:

For more general waste ban information please check out check out the Recycle Smart MA website (www.recyclesmartma.org/). There you can sign up for the Recycle Smart Newsletter which will keep you up to date on current waste and recycling practice.

You can find the current "Waste Ban 101" article here: (www.recyclesmartma.org/2022/08/waste-bans-101-less-trash-for-a-cleaner-massachusetts-newsletter/)

MassDEP also has a recycling bin location directory online. Just type in the material you wish to recycle and a list of locations will appear on the directory. "Beyond the Bin Recycling Directory" website: (www.recyclesearch.com/profile/ma).

MATTRESS & TEXTILE BAN INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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