



By passing a mattress stewardship law, Massachusetts will:

SAVE MUNICIPALITIES
MONEY & SIMPLIFY
RECYCLING OPTIONS
FOR RESIDENTS

A mattress stewardship policy, such as H.881, will make it easier and less expensive for Massachusetts residents to recycle mattresses. As of November 2022, mattresses are banned from trash disposal in Massachusetts. As a result, many municipalities now offer mattress recycling, some with an out-of-pocket cost up to \$75 per item. With a product stewardship law, there will be one program for all residents.

A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM FOR MATTRESSES WILL:



Save local governments money by reimbursing their costs to run mattress recycling programs.



Provide free mattress recycling for all residents, including those living in apartments or rural areas.



Reduce illegal dumping and simplify mattress recycling for residents.

HOW A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM WILL WORK

Companies that sell mattresses in Massachusetts will be required to collect a fee to pay for the recycling of mattresses at the end of their life. The collected funds are used to pay local governments (or private haulers) to operate mattress collection sites for MA residents. Product stewardship would save taxpayers \$10 million per year, reduce the burden on municipal employees, and reduce dumping.

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP IS A PROVEN SOLUTION

Four States (California, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Connecticut) have product stewardship laws for mattresses. In states that have passed a product stewardship law, such as Connecticut, it costs less to recycle a mattress than a state that doesn't have a law. Currently, MA municipalities are paying up to \$10 per mattress more than in CT. Recycling one mattress saves 500 gallons of water and enough energy to power a home for three days.

Product stewardship in Massachusetts has support from local governments, the Massachusetts Municipal Association, recycling businesses, environmental groups, and more. For more info, please contact:

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