



## ABOUT UTEC MATTRESS RECYCLING

Begun in 2012, UTEC Mattress Recycling is now the largest mattress recycling enterprise in northern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, recycling over 15,000 mattresses and box springs a year.

UTEC Mattress Recycling picks up and breaks down all the pieces and diverts over 80% of materials out of the waste stream, recycling steel, foam, wood and felt padding through after-market channels.

We employ up to 12 youth at a time from the Lowell/Lawrence area who have a history of gang or court involvement. The work provides income to these young people and an environment where they can learn workplace skills that will serve them in future employment. Last year we employed over 80 youth in the warehouse.

UTEC Mattress Recycling is part of UTEC, Inc., a Lowell-based youth services nonprofit organization committed to helping 16-24 year old "impact youth" trade violence and poverty for social and economic opportunities.

## OUT WITH THE OLD!

If you are a municipality, hotel, university or any organization that needs to dispose of unwanted mattresses, please contact UTEC Mattress Recycling. Learn more at [utec-mattress.org](http://utec-mattress.org) or call at **978.856.3997**.



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### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to ignite and nurture the ambition of Lowell's most disconnected young people to trade violence and poverty for social and economic success.

## WHY RECYCLE MATTRESSES?

It is estimated that Massachusetts residents purchase 300,000 mattresses a year. Of these, fewer than 100,000 are recycled. The rest are going into landfills or incinerators.

Mattresses and box springs take up an inordinate amount of space in landfills. They create flammable air pockets, do not compact well, and create dangerous conditions for transfer station workers.

Approximately 85% of the contents of a typical mattress or box spring can be recycled. UTEC Mattress Recycling breaks down the pieces into component parts and moves the base products like steel, wood and foam on to aftermarket use.

## HOW IT WORKS

UTEC Mattress Recycling will work with your organization to meet whatever needs you have to deal with unwanted mattresses or box springs.

- **Customers will need a minimum of 20 mattresses to book a pick-up**
- **Contact UTEC Mattress Recycling to discuss your needs**
- **Determine which services you prefer**
  - Pick up mattresses at a single location such as a loading dock or staging area
  - Pull beds out of rooms
  - Load trucks and move new beds into rooms
  - Take deliveries at our Lawrence warehouse
  - Request flexible scheduling for pick-ups or deliveries
  - Provide a 53' trailer that can be stationed on site
- **UTEC Mattress Deconstruction will charge for pick-up and for deconstruction**
  - Costs will vary depending on quantity, services required and distance



## WHY CHOOSE UTEC MATTRESS RECYCLING?

UTEC Mattress Recycling not only provides a way to recycle and reuse the component parts of mattresses and box springs, it provides an employment opportunity for 16-24 year old men and women who are trying to turn their lives around.

With over four years of experience, UTEC Mattress Recycling has earned a reputation as a reliable resource for mattress pick-up and deconstruction. Our youth, under staff supervision, can do everything from complete on-site room change-outs to simple pick-ups.

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*Being able to recycle our mattresses is important for our commitment to sustainability at Lesley University. We switched our mattress recycling vendor when we learned that UTEC supports at-risk youth. Their professionalism and ease of recycling made the transition very simple.*

- Michael Orr, Sustainability Coordinator, Lesley University

