

## Mattress Recycling

In Alameda County, StopWaste has worked through multiple channels to increase mattress recycling and recovery:

- Over the past 18 years, we've helped the West's largest mattress recycler, DR3 of Oakland, get off the ground and expand.
- In 2013, we helped Senator Loni Hancock's staff develop the parameters of SB 254, California's mattress recovery and recycling law.
- We funded a study that evaluated incentive levels for recovery of illegally dumped mattresses.
- We've worked with County Environmental Health staff to add mattress collection to the household hazardous waste public drop-off events.

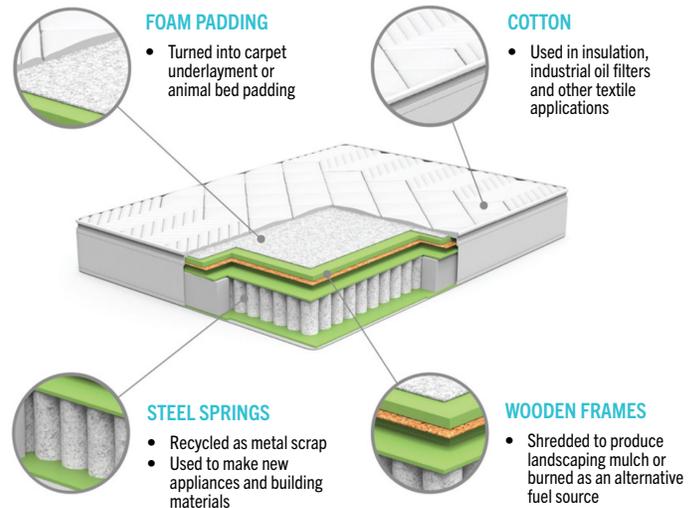
**10,000+**  
MATTRESSES RECYCLED  
PER MONTH BY DR3

**500+**  
MATTRESSES COLLECTED AT  
FOUR HHW DROP-OFF EVENTS

In response to state law, the mattress industry formed the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) to increase the recovery and recycling of used mattresses, and to reduce public agency costs for end-of-life management of used mattresses. The program includes:

- Consumer drop off at no-cost collection sites and special collection events.
- Consumer drop off at MRC-contracted recyclers. Includes \$3 incentive payment per unit.
- Retailer used mattress take-back – CA law requires retailers delivering new mattresses to offer to haul away old units for free.
- Illegally dumped mattress collection initiative – \$10 per abandoned unit to qualified clean up crews.
- Large quantity institutional collectors (e.g. dormitories, hotels, prisons).

Up to 80% of a used mattress' components  
**CAN BE RECYCLED.**



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