

Mattress Recycling

PPL Industries
Second Chance
Recycling program

Ease the burden on the environment

As a business operator, you can play an important role in easing the burden you place on the environment. After all, about half of Hennepin County's waste comes from business. That's a half-million tons of waste. The International Sleep Products Association estimates 160,000 mattresses are purchased each year in Hennepin County by residents, hospitality industry, and institutions. Most of those mattresses are ending up in landfills.

You can make a difference

Given those numbers, imagine what a big difference generators of discarded mattresses can make. By taking advantage of this program, retailers, hospitals, universities and colleges, correction facilities, hotels and waste management companies can put a whole lot of waste to good use.

Your small effort results in a big, positive impact.

Benefiting the environment and people in need

Keeping mattresses out of the waste stream benefits more than just the environment. There is the very real advantage to reducing the demand on landfills, but the list of benefits goes on.

Other benefits of mattress recycling include:

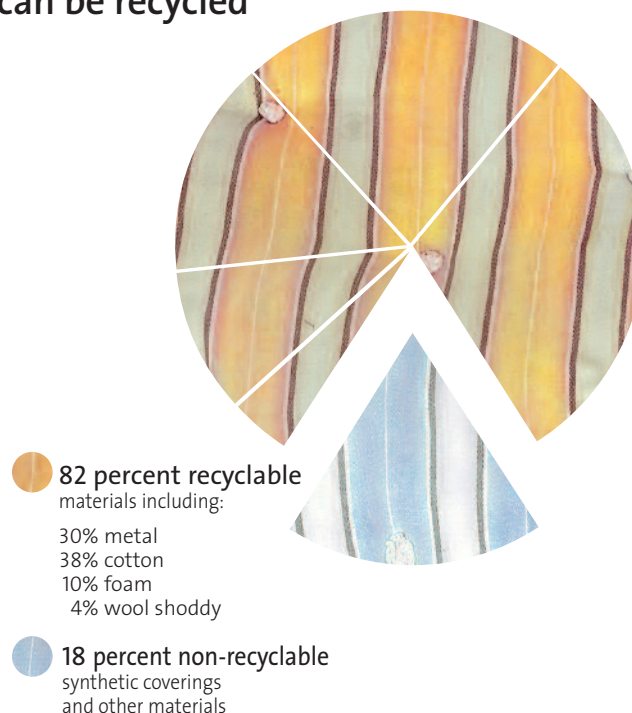
- Parts are recycled.
- You can reduce taxes and fees on waste disposal by reducing trash pick-ups.
- It reflects well on your business, showing customers you care about the community.
- Gives jobs to those that need it the most.

Why are unrecycled mattresses a problem in the waste stream?

Mattresses and box springs are problematic in the waste stream because they are hard to move, clog up equipment and are nearly impossible to compact in a landfill. Primary sources of mattresses are from:

- Transfer stations
- Recycling drop-offs
- Clean up events
- Landfills
- Retailers
- Hospitality industry
- Institutions

Over 80 percent of a mattress can be recycled





About PPL Industries

PPL Industries is a subsidiary of Project for Pride in Living (PPL), a nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for low-income families throughout the Minneapolis and St. Paul metro area. PPL's mission is to work with lower-income individuals and families to achieve greater self-sufficiency through housing, employment training, support services, and education.

PPL Industries' Second Chance Recycling department will create up to 30 full time jobs while teaching basic employment skills to adults with social and economic barriers to steady mainstream employment.



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How does the recycling process work?

PPL disassembles all units to the base elements: steel, foam, cotton, wool shoddy, wood and fabric. Commodities are baled and are sold for re-use in other product manufacturing. All disassembly of mattresses is done in Minneapolis. The facility can handle an estimated 40,000 mattress units each year.

What is accepted for recycling?

Dry and un-moldy mattresses and box spring units are accepted for recycling. This includes mattresses from futons, baby cribs and toddler beds. Sleeper sofas are not recyclable at this time.

How do I get started?

Contact Doug Jewett, Chief Operating Officer of PPL Industries at 612-332-0664 or doug.jewett@ppl-inc.org. You can self-haul the mattresses or hire a waste hauling company to deliver them to PPL. The fee is \$15 per mattress or box spring.

Where is the recycling facility located?

PPL Industries Second Chance Recycling department is located at 1179 15th Ave. SE in Minneapolis, MN. For more information, visit www.pplindustries.org.





Testimonial: Room & Board

“Room & Board has consistently worked to find ways to reduce its landfill use and recycle our packaging in our efforts to be good earth stewards. This new mattress recycling process that PPL employs is a perfect solution for our commitment.

Prior to working with PPL, Room & Board donated mattresses that could be reused to shelters and land filled those not meeting reuse requirements. The fact that PPL would recycle all mattress components while helping to mainstream individuals with social and economic barriers was a win-win for all involved.

We are thrilled to be working with PPL industries and we applaud them for their focus on community and the environment.”

– Steve Freeman, Vendor Resource Manager, Room & Board

Testimonial: International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) Earth™

“A main objective of the mattress industry’s ISPAEarth™ Sustainability Initiative is to expand options for recycling used mattress components. ISPA has taken a leadership role in working with mattress retailers, government officials, for-profit and non-profit recyclers and potential consumers of recycled materials to expand the number of recycling operations that can process used mattresses. Currently, ISPA has identified 15 mattress recycling centers in the United States and Canada.

The industry is very pleased that two of those facilities are located in Minnesota.

Helping grow the number of available mattress recycling centers throughout North America promises great benefits for the mattress industry, retailers, consumers and the environment. Working with groups like PPL Industries and Hennepin County to establish additional used mattress processing centers is helping our industry meet its commitment to the environment.”

– Ryan Trainer, ISPA executive vice president

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