RecyclingWorks Forum

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HandUp **Mattress Recycling** & Upcycling

HandUp is Taking a Different Approach

HandUp is a Delaware domiciled, for-profit, limited liability company that secures "hand-up investments", from private investors, to launch, operate, and own social impact businesses initially targeting "waste stream" opportunities.







HandUp Community Impact, Inc. (<u>"Hand Up CI"</u>) The majority of HandUp's available net profits will be donated to HandUp CI (a taxexempt charitable organization) enabling it to sustainably **provide** "hand-up services" to our immigrant and refugee neighbors in Massachusetts.

HandUp Mattress Recycling & Upcycling New Bedford Facility



HandUp's recycling facility has been designed to leverage the combined learnings of 5 recycling facilities, located throughout the U.S., to maximize efficiency and effectiveness for our customers. HandUp's cutting-edge upcycling operation allows us to extend the life of gently used mattresses (following all State regulations to clean and sanitize the mattresses) thereby providing consumers with high quality, namebrand mattresses at extremely reasonable prices.





Mattress Recycling & Upcycling

How do we Decide Which Mattresses to Recycle **Versus Upcycle**

Condition Age





Year-to-date we have recycled 92.6% of all Units Received and Upcycled 7.4% of the toal units.



Mattress Recycling & Upcycling

Brand



What About Mattresses That Are Rejected?



We find that less than 1% of Mattresses are rejected for recycling



We Pay a \$35/Unit **Disposal Fee, Charged** Back to Customer, and **Document Every Unit** With Photo and New MassDEP Form

Overview of Partnership with Worleybeds

HandUp & Worleybeds began a partnership in May 2022. Worleybeds proactively sought a solution to recycle mattresses and box springs versus sending to landfill.



Worleybeds purchased a 20' storage container to gather and store mattresses. HandUp provides pickup and mattress or box spring recycling or upcycling services for a per-unit fee



Worleybeds calls HandUp when the container is 75% or 80% full – about 25 Units to schedule a pickup (usually every 2–3 weeks) and HandUp comes within 2–3 business days as schedule allows. HandUp also leverages other trips to come by, when in the in area, to empty the container even if a pickup is not scheduled.

We want to ensure we minimize our customer's administrative burdens while enabling them to provide a responsible way in which to manage the disposal of mattresses.



Results to Date (6 Months of Partnership)

Recycling:	
Mattress	183
Box Spring	84
Sub-total	267
Upcycling:	
Mattress	47
Box Spring	67
Sub-total	114
TOTAL	381

The 381 units weighed a total of 23,114 pounds of which we were able to keep over 19,700 pounds (almost 10 tons) out of the wastesteam!





Other Partnership Examples



Universities

700+ mattresses at UMass Dartmouth

Apartments

HandUp is a flexible, creative, and efficient partner to address unwanted mattresses in all settings and with all types of organizations.





One-time projects to recycle old mattresses & box springs.

- Summer clean out of dorm beds. Most recent project was
- On-going contracts with apartment and condo complexes as most are outside of residential service so provide recycling

Options Available to Municipalities - FAC90

Option	Description
<u>Option 1:</u> Mattress Recycling	HandUp will deconstruct unwanted units to re- recycled. Units would need to be delivered by HandUp's facility in New Bedford.
<u>Option #2:</u> Mattress Pickup & Recycling	Handup will pickup unwanted units from the M location (50+ units at a time) and transport the facility for recycling as described in Option #1
<u>Option #3:</u> Mattress Storage, Pickup, & Recycling	HandUp will provide a fully enclosed and wate be located at the site determined by the Munic then be responsible to provide the services ou
<u>Option #4:</u> Fully Outsourced Curbside Pickup & Recycling	Handup responsible for entire scope of respon provide curbside pickup, receive payment, tra unwanted units for the Municipality's residents



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