

TIPS FOR REUSING & RECYCLING BULKY WASTES

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“Bulky Waste” is an umbrella term used to describe items such as mattresses and box springs, furniture, carpet, and large rigid plastic items. These are difficult to manage at their end of life because they are large and heavy. Dumping of these items is illegal. This handout includes options for properly managing bulky items you no longer need or want.

Benefits of Reusing & Recycling Bulky Items

Everyone benefits by:

- Saving money on landfill transportation & disposal costs
- Conserving energy & raw materials
- Returning products & materials back into the economy & fostering job creation
- Helping people who cannot afford to buy new



Furniture Repurposing

Reuse

If the item is in good condition – donate it! Many charities and social programs accept good condition items for donation. You may also be able to donate or re-sell good quality used items directly through yard sales, or online exchanges.

Local Online Exchanges:

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Local Reuse or Donation Centers:

Donation is only appropriate for items in very good condition (no rips, holes, or stains, and no broken or missing pieces). Always call first to confirm that the center can deal with the specific item(s) you have.

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Refurbish, Repurpose, Rebuild, & Renovate

Furniture that may not be suitable for donation or re-sale may be able to be repaired or restored. Look for DIY tutorials on the internet or find inspiration through community Facebook pages and Pinterest boards.

The best way to avoid having to deal with bulky wastes is to think before purchasing. Simply buy less. And when you do purchase, try to buy high-quality items that won't break easily.

Recycling

If the items have been stored improperly or are simply too old, torn, cracked, stained, or broken, they would not be suitable for reuse. Before sending these “unusable” items to a landfill – recycle them!

Where Can I Locally Recycle...

ITEM	FACILITY	FEES	LOCATION / CONTACT INFO.	HOURS OF OPERATION

Disposal

Unfortunately, items that are severely damaged, wet or moldy, or otherwise contaminated probably have to be disposed of because these problems can affect the recyclability of the materials.

Local Bulky Waste Disposal

FACILITY / EVENT	FEES	LOCATION / CONTACT INFO.	HOURS OF OPERATION	OTHER INFORMATION

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