

# Mattress Recycling



In July 2009, the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) opened WA's first mattress recycling facility. The facility provides an easy and affordable option for the environmentally responsible disposal of old mattresses.

## Mattresses Accepted

- Spring mattresses
- Foam (futon) mattresses
- Ensemble bases

Mattresses should be dry

## What is Recycled?

**TIMBER** Timber from bases is recovered and sent to the EMRC's timber recycling facility where it is processed into a reusable woodchip and used in the manufacture of particleboard, animal bedding and mulch

**SPRINGS** Steel springs are sent to scrap metal merchants and melted down into new steel

**FOAM** Foam and wadding from inside the mattress is reused as carpet underlay

## Recycling Fees

**Member Council residents** - \$5.50 / mattress (upon presentation of rate notice / utility bill)

**All other customers** - \$15 / mattress

Cash, cheque and credit card facilities available. Account applications available upon request.

## Disposal locations

### Commercial customers

Hazelmere Recycling Centre  
77 Lakes Road, Hazelmere  
Mon to Fri 7am - 3pm (Closed public holidays & Christmas holidays)

Bookings required for 50+ mattresses on (08) 9274 7807

### Residents (maximum 5 mattresses)

Red Hill Waste Management Facility  
1094 Toodyay Road, Red Hill  
Mon to Fri 7am - 4pm; Sat 8am - 4pm; Sun 10am - 4pm  
(Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day & New Year's Day)

## Considering sending your old mattress to landfill?

- Australians send over 1.25 million mattresses to landfill each year.
- The average Australian disposes of a mattress every 8-10 years.
- Mattresses are one of the most common items put out during Council verge collections - almost all go to landfill.
- The average mattress consumes 0.75m<sup>3</sup> of space in landfill
- The average mattress contains:
  - 12.5 kilograms of steel
  - 2 kilograms of wood
  - 1.5 kilograms of foam



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