

# Merrick Landfill Mattress Recycling Program

### **Merrick Landfill Site**

The Merrick Landfill is located at the end of Sand Dam Road in Merrick Township along Highway 11 North. It is approximately a 20 minute drive from North Bay. The site has been in operation since 1994.

## **Mattress Recycling Program**

The Mattress Recycling Program started in 2017. On average, around 5000 mattresses/box springs per year are kept out of the landfill through this program, which is roughly the volume of an Olympic swimming pool! Recycling mattresses helps reduce waste and saves valuable space in the landfill.

The mattresses are collected on site, loaded onto a trailer, and sent to the facility where they are recycled. There, they are broken down into their parts (fabric, foam, wood, metal), and those materials are repurposed or recycled.









# **Participating in the Mattress Recycling Program**

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this program. With your help, we can extend the life of the landfill, keep materials from being landfilled unnecessarily, and do our part to protect the environment.

Please ensure when transporting mattresses that the load is fully secured. When arriving on site, the Scale Attendant will instruct you where the mattress holding area is. A staff member will meet you at the mattress holding area to show you where to stack your mattresses. All mattresses must be stacked according to size. If the current pile is too high to stack onto, you will be asked to place your mattress on the ground next to it by staff.

Mattresses may be left in plastic bags if that is how they were transported. If mattresses were folded and strapped, the strapping must be removed, and the mattress lied flat. No garbage is to be left in the mattress holding area.

## **Exceptions**

To help protect the health and safety of customers and staff, please note that any mattresses or box springs known or suspected to contain bedbugs or potentially biohazardous substances (blood, feces, urine, etc.) will be required to be treated as waste and brought to the active landfilling area.

For more information, contact the Landfill Coordinator at Matthew.Procunier@northbay.ca