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City recycles old mattresses, box springs, for free

The City of Redding Transfer Station on Abernathy Lane now accepts old mattresses and box springs from the public for free under a new statewide recycling program beginning this week (January 4, 2016).

Called “Bye Bye Mattress,” the program was established by state law and is operated by the non-profit Mattress Recycling Council. The program is funded through an \$11 recycling fee that is collected when a mattress or box spring is sold in California. The fee is used to pay for collecting, transporting and recycling discarded mattresses, and also establishes a fund that helps municipalities battle illegal dumping.

A mattress recycled through the Bye Bye Mattress program is broken up into four main components – steel, foam, wood and fibers. These are used to make new products like carpet padding, steel products, filter media, and automotive insulation.

While disposing of full-size mattresses is free, there is still a charge to dispose of items such as futons, crib or car bed mattresses, and fold-out sofa beds as they are not part of this program. In addition, mattresses brought to the West Central Landfill at 14095 Clear Creek Road are not recycled and will still be subject to a fee for disposal.

For more information, please contact the Solid Waste Utility at 224-6201.

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