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New Curbside Mattress Recycling Program for Whitman Town Residents

Whitman – The Town of Whitman is collaborating with HandUp, a New Bedford-based business, to offer Town residents a convenient and cost-effective way to recycle unwanted mattresses and box springs responsibly.

As of September 29th^t, Whitman residents can directly contact HandUp to make an appointment for the curbside pickup of a mattress and/or box spring by going directly to this website [LINK](#) or by calling (774) 271-8744. Please note curbside pickup will occur one time per month. The charge for each mattress or box spring is \$47.



HandUp is a social impact business in New Bedford that recycles and upcycles mattresses in an environmentally sustainable way. The mattresses collected by HandUp are separated into their components – foam, cloth, wood, and metal – and recycled. HandUp also has a mattress shop, at Kilburn Mills in New Bedford, where they sell gently used, high-quality "upcycled" mattresses and box springs for a fraction of the retail price.

Erik Dyson, Co-Founder and CEO of HandUp, states, “We are pleased to partner with the Town of Whitman to offer Town residents a convenient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of their unwanted mattresses. As a company, we are committed to making a positive environmental impact and returning the majority of our net profits back to the local community by supporting non-profit organizations that provide services to our immigrant and refugee neighbors.”

Bruce Martin, Town of Whitman Highway Superintendent, says, “The Town of Whitman is proactively launching this curbside mattress recycling program in advance of the State of Massachusetts’s mattress ban, which is to take effect on November 1, 2022, which requires all unwanted mattresses now be recycled. We are pleased to partner with HandUp to offer this service to Town residents.

For more information, please contact the Whitman DPW at **781-447-7630** or HandUp at (774) 271-8744, visit handupmattress.com, or email info@handupus.org.