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**HUMBOLDT WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY NOW ACCEPTS
RESIDENTIAL MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS FROM THE PUBLIC AT
“NO CHARGE”**

Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) announces our participation in the Mattress Recycling Council's "Bye Bye Mattress" recycling collection program. Beginning **August 1st 2016** HWMA will accept old mattresses and box springs from residents at “**no charge**”. Individuals may bring mattresses and foundations to HWMA's Transfer Station located at 1059 West Hawthorne St, Eureka during our regular operating hours: **Monday through Friday 7 Am-5pm, Saturday 8am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm.**

The "Bye Bye Mattress" program is funded through an \$11 recycling fee that is collected from consumers when a mattress and/or box spring is sold in California. Consumers will notice this fee as a separate line item on their purchase receipt. The fee is then used to cover costs associated with collecting, transporting and recycling discarded mattresses, and also establishes a fund that helps California municipalities battle illegal mattress dumping.

HWMA Board of Directors Chairwoman Sofia Pereira enthusiastically encourages Humboldt County residents to take advantage of this program, stating "This Partnership between HWMA and the Mattress Recycling Council's "Bye Bye Mattress" provides residents of Humboldt County yet another option to reduce the amount of trash going to landfills and increase recycling and recovery opportunities."

Participating in the mattress diversion and recycling program is estimated to divert approximately 4,300 mattresses and foundations from Humboldt County from being landfilled. Mattresses and box spring foundations recycled through the "Bye Bye Mattress" program are broken up into four primary components – steel, foam, wood and fibers. After separation, these components are then used to make new products such as carpet padding, steel products, filters, and automotive insulation

Bye Bye Mattress is administered by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), a non-profit organization created by the mattress industry and certified by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to develop and manage the California mattress recycling program required by the "Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act" enacted in 2013.

Please visit www.byebyemattress.com to find a statewide directory of participating mattress collection locations.

