

Offenders at Work

The process of dismantling mattresses provides entry-level jobs for offenders. These offenders will have an opportunity to learn a variety of transferable skills including operating a baler, driving a forklift, and other basic warehousing functions. Through training and work experience offenders develop a positive work ethic, valuable life skills such as pride in accomplishment and an opportunity to succeed once they are released.



CI Mission Statement

As a business, Correctional Industries is committed to maintain and expand offender work training programs which develop marketable job skills, instill and promote positive work ethics, and reduce the tax burden of corrections.

Mattress Disposal

Correctional Industries will recycle any of your mattresses. Contact CI Customer Service at 1-800-628-4738 to find out how and where you can dispose your old mattresses.

Mattress Recycling Program

Working together to keep mattresses out of our landfills.



A Final Resting Place

A typical mattress is a 23-cubic-foot assembly of steel, wood, cotton, and polyurethane foam. Given this wide range of materials, mattresses have typically been difficult to recycle. In response to increasing public concerns about the environment – along with a greater desire to recycle everything possible – Correctional Industries will make sure your old bed doesn't end up in a landfill.

During the recycling process, offender workers separate foam, cotton fibers, steel and wood from each mattress or box spring. Metal pieces are removed, and the different components are sorted and baled for recycling. Keeping mattresses out of landfills is a matter of efficiently recycling them so their core materials can be reincarnated into any number of new products.

CI manually deconstructs mattresses and box springs, and separates materials for recycling.



Core materials in most mattresses include steel, polyurethane foam, cotton fibers, fabric and wood.

Your mattresses are collected from landfills and transfer sites, then transported to one of CI's mattress recycling centers.

