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Re: Mattresses, Box Springs and Bed Bugs

Dear Valued Municipal Customer,

In the waste industry we are constantly challenged by changes in the waste stream and how they affect our current pickup practices and programs. An analysis of curbside Bulk Clean-up Events revealed there were bed bugs present in the mattresses and box springs that were placed at the curb for manual pick up.

To protect the health and safety of our employees from the spread of bed bugs we have had to change our company policy to require all mattresses and box springs be bagged for individual pickup. This information is passed on to your residents when they call us for mattress/box spring removal. For your bulk pickup program the same rule needs to apply. In order to provide our employees protections against bed bugs we will only manually pickup mattresses and box springs that are fully bagged.

Mattresses placed in dumpsters do not need to be bagged.

Going forward we ask that all correspondence to residents for your curbside clean-up event identify that mattresses and box springs must be bagged for them to be picked up. Any non-bagged mattresses and box springs will not be picked up.

I have included a second page of information about where residents can purchase the storage bags, please feel free to add to it and use the information. Please call me directly if you would like to discuss anything further.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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Information on Mattresses, Box Springs Waterproof Storage Bags

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Residents that would like a mattress or box spring picked up from the curb are required to first put them in a **waterproof plastic or vinyl storage/disposal bag**.

Cotton mattress protectors are not acceptable, it needs to be waterproof.

Most places that sell moving materials and stores that sell bedsheets sell the storage bags. They are typically marketed as a storage bag for when you're moving, or as a protector against allergens. Average costs range from \$10-\$20, depending on where they're purchased.

Examples of vinyl/waterproof storage bags:

- In-store at Wal-Mart (in Monona, Mainstays brand, "Waterproof zippered vinyl mattress protector", \$12)
- In-store at U-Haul (west Madison, storage bag, \$8)
- Online:
 - * Amazon.com (Linenspa brand, "mattress storage bag with double adhesive", \$11)
 - * Target
 - * Bed Bath & Beyond
 - * Menard's