Re-Matt Inc.
Alberta’s Mattress Recycler
Shawn Cable, Director
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Company History

- Re-Matt Inc. was established in 2014 by Shawn Cable.
- During a university trip to the Sears Distribution Warehouse, Shawn realized there were no facilities available to dispose of used mattresses.
- At this time, the only options in Alberta were to ship mattresses out of province, take to local landfill / transfer sites or to dump illegally.
- After this tour, Shawn spent the next several months researching the business of mattress recycling - leading to the birth of Re-Matt.
Vision and Mission

• “Re-Matt’s Vision is to eliminate all dumping of mattresses in city landfills across Alberta.”

• “Re-Matt’s Mission is to provide and promote mattress recycling services to the province of Alberta, while protecting the environment, to provide a clean and healthy future for present and future generations.”
Municipality Transfer Station
Re-Matt
Warehouse
324 9th St SE, Calgary
Mattress Breakdown

- Polyester: 6%
- Cotton: 3%
- Felt: 7%
- Foam: 26%
- Wood: 5%
- Non-Recyclable: 5%
- Metal: 48%
Mattress Breakdown
Foam
Wood
Plastic
Metal
Cotton
Felt Moving Blankets

These felt sheets (5x7 feet) can be used as moving blankets or furniture pads to protect furniture, walls and goods from bumps and scratches.
Mattress Facts

- Mattresses have a life span of about 10.8 years
- Mattresses have a compaction rate 400% less than regular garbage
- The average mattress takes up 23 cubic feet of landfill space – larger mattresses are 40 cubic feet
- One mattress can take decades to decompose
- Across the globe, 70 million mattresses will be discarded in landfills every year
Advantages of Recycling Mattresses

- Landfill equipment problems, created by mattresses, can be greatly reduced
- Landfill space problems, created by mattresses, can also be reduced
- Cleaner roadsides, with a reduction in illegal mattress dumping
- Saves energy and reduces waste, greenhouse gases, and the use of natural resources
Advantages of Recycling Mattresses

Mattresses can be 85% recycled into their raw materials, and then into reusable products

- Mattress recycling benefits local businesses who can use the salvaged materials and products.
- Many communities are no longer accepting used mattresses in landfills, or are charging large fees for disposal.
Commercial Pick-Up

- Please contact us directly for pricing and pick-up availability
- We are flexible and will tailor our services for all volumes and locations in Alberta and Saskatchewan
- Used mattresses must be stored in dry location prior to pick-up
27,000 Mattresses Recycled
That’s 472,500 pounds of recycled material!
Re-Matt’s Goals

- Work with Municipalities to create mattress drop-off areas in landfills and transfer stations
- Eliminate mattress dumping across Alberta and Saskatchewan
Customer Base
Negative Impact on Transfer Stations

- Mattresses take up large amounts of space in transfer stations – bulky, resistant to compaction and heavy
- High costs of hauling to landfills
- High dumping fees at landfills – due to weight and size
- Wait time at landfills – wasted use of work and personnel time
Prospect Human Services

- Prospect helps people who face barriers to employment overcome those obstacles by supporting individual skill development.

- Impact (Prospect Program) is designed to help people connect to the workforce, and stay there through skill building, practical work experience, direct job placement, and retention assistance.

- Re-Matt supports local programs like Prospect to employ individuals that strive to be contributors to our company and the City of Calgary.
The Ability Hub

The Ability Hub works with students and adults with Autism

- Every 2 months, High School and post High School programs work with Re-Matt’s staff, learning the job skills and other skills needed to help them join the work force.
- We have very positive feedback on the program and their students find it to be one of their favorite work experience places!
Thank You!

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