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Rusty Springs Mattress Recycling Program

A proven model for community-based
mattress recycling



The Problem

- Mattresses remain a challenging item for landfills
- Transport costs to mattress recycling facilities is expensive for small and remote communities
- Western provinces and northern territories don't currently have EPR programs
- Communities need a solution *now*



The Rusty Springs Solution

- Onsite, manual disassembly
- Low tech, low cost, high impact
- Creates meaningful, inclusive local jobs
- Keep a high volume, problematic item out of landfills

PACE's Impact

Last year:

- 6001 mattresses disassembled in 5 landfills
- 2150 non recyclable mattresses handled
- 13 people employed



The Benefits

Reduces landfill volume

Cuts transportation costs and emissions

Creates local and inclusive jobs

Keeps reclaimed materials in the local economy



Why The Program Works



Simple



Inclusive



Impactful

What's inside our guide?

Updated and expanded for 2026, the program guide includes:

- ✓ **Step by step disassembly methods**
- ✓ **Tools and Equipment lists**
- ✓ **Templates for budgeting, payroll and impact reporting**
- ✓ **Workforce development and inclusive employment tools**
- ✓ **Videos, diagrams and best practices**



And the best part?

The Rusty Springs Program Guide is now FREE

Available to any social organization or municipal organization who wants to start or improve their own mattress recycling program

Updated for 2026 and ready to use!



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