

Tales from Tim's Recycling Bin – Mattresses

I'm not sure why but President's Day weekend is considered to be the best time of the year to buy a mattress. I know my plans are subdued this year, but perhaps I'll need a good night's rest to commemorate our democracy in 2022.

You might not realize it because they are so big, but mattresses can be recycled – just not in your cart. The City collaborates with Second Chance Recycling - a social enterprise business that empowers people facing employment barriers to gain job and life skills. Workers disassemble mattresses and box springs into their components which are sold to manufacturers.

You may have met some of the workers if you brought a mattress to the Special Materials Drop-Off Day. You may have also noticed that the prices are a little cheaper at the Drop-Off Day. That's because the city pays a portion of the disposal fee to incentivize residents to recycle mattresses. By the way, the next Drop-Off Day is Saturday, April 24.

But you don't have to wait until April. The easiest option is to have the mattress company recycle your old mattress when they deliver the new one. You can drop off mattresses for a fee at Second Chance Recycling in Minneapolis or pay a little extra to have them pick up mattresses at your home.

Until next time, help others and help the environment by recycling your mattress my friends.

