

## About DR3

DR3 is a wholly owned subsidiary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, a 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Eugene, Oregon. St. Vincent de Paul is an internationally recognized leader in developing economic development opportunities from waste stream diversion. We manage six recycling programs including the largest mattress recycling program in North America, appliance and CFC recycling/ reuse, a glass foundry, textile recycling, Styrofoam recycling, and a woodshop. All proceeds benefit more than 84,000 low-income, homeless and at-risk individuals who utilize our services every year.

### ANNUAL RECYCLING FIGURES

Scrap Metal	2,500 tons
Clothing and Accessories	1,540 tons
Wood Waste	180 tons
Glass	110 tons
Foam and Plastics	646 tons



## Recycle with us

We pride ourselves in our professionalism and experience. Give us a chance to impress you with our excellent customer service.

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# The benefits of mattress recycling

**Why recycle mattresses?** The average American replaces their mattress and boxspring every nine years. There are literally millions of mattresses put into landfills each year.

## What are the environmental benefits?

Mattresses and boxsprings are a nuisance in the waste stream. They take up large amounts of space at transfer stations and landfills, create flammable air pockets, do not compact well, and can create dangerous conditions for workers.

**How much can be recycled?** Over 90 percent of the contents of a typical mattress or boxspring are recyclable. DR3 Recycling has created a system of breaking down mattresses and boxsprings, separating out the different components, and sorting them for recycling.

## What are the economic-development

**benefits?** Mattress recycling creates entry-level jobs that are appropriate for people with barriers to employment. Workers are trained in highly transferable skills such as driving a forklift, operating machinery and warehouse safety. The DR3 facility in Oakland employs 26 people. All profits go directly to St Vincent de Paul to provide emergency and self-sufficiency services to those who need it most.

# Why choose DR3 recycling?

DR3 is a world leader in mattress recycling. Our Oakland, California facility (started in 1999) was one of the first commercially viable mattress recycling program in the world. Today, DR3 Mattress Recycling's facilities in Oakland and Eugene, Oregon process over 180,000 mattresses per year.

How DR3 competes:

- We provide the best customer service to our clients
- We are experienced, efficient and professional
- We take recycle every part of the mattress that we can
- We create real local jobs through reuse and recycling
- All proceeds benefit St Vincent de Paul to provide emergency, and self-sufficiency services to those who need it most



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## Other materials we accept

**Books:** We accept books from transfer stations, libraries and individual donors. Books are hand sorted and resold in one of our 13 retail stores. We sold over 1,000,000 books last year! Items that are damaged or unsaleable are recycled and turned back into paper products.

**Polyurethane Foam:** We accept foam mattresses and foam couch cushions for recycling. These materials are compressed and sent back to the manufacturers for recycling into new products.

**Carpet padding:** We accept carpet padding for recycling. The material must be dry of mold. We compress this material and send it to the manufacturer for recycling into new carpet pad.

**Textiles and Reusables:** We accept reusable clothing, shoes, and furniture and send these items to St Vincent de Paul. We can only accept items that are resalable, clean and dry. For large donations a tax receipt is available upon request. Please consult your tax professional to determine if an item is deductible, we cannot give tax advice.