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# Materials Management Memo

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## 8.1 Mattress Recycling Pilot Program

The Authority continues to take steps to divert recyclable material from disposal in the landfill, which will prolong the life of the landfill and reduce the environmental footprint of the tri-county region.

Last week we launched a pilot program in Lewis County for the recycling of mattresses. *If successful, this program will expand to Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties as well.* Beginning immediately, mattresses must be separated from other waste disposed of at the Lewis County transfer stations. A separate trailer for mattresses and box springs only has been set up at the Lowville transfer site. Once full, the trailer will be taken to Triad Energy and Recycling in Tonawanda for recycling, and replaced with a new, empty trailer.

Lewis County will continue to charge the same per-piece price for disposing of mattresses and box springs and the Development Authority will subsidize the rest of the recycling cost and transportation.

We receive about 16,000 mattresses a year at the landfill and they cannot be compacted like most other waste so they take up an incredible amount of space. Triad takes them apart by hand and recycles the steel, chips the wood and sends the foam to be made into carpet padding.

## 8.2 New Recycling Website

In our ongoing efforts to work together to find solutions to improve recycling, we have updated the regional recycling website: [www.northcountryrecycles.org](http://www.northcountryrecycles.org) to make it more user-friendly and easier to determine what can be recycled and where, in the tri-county area. We encourage all haulers to use this resource, and/or call *Hope VanBrocklin, Recycling Specialist (315) 661-3234* for assistance with recycling issues and questions. As always, Authority personnel are prepared to meet with any of your customers to educate and address recycling concerns.

For more information visit our website, [www.danc.org](http://www.danc.org) or contact:

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