



## Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program for Municipalities

In 2013, Connecticut enacted Public Act 13-42, which required the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used and discarded in the state.

The new law does *not* require solid waste facilities that collect used mattresses to recycle them. Facilities may *voluntarily participate* in the program.

Contact MRC to find out how your municipality can receive no-cost recycling services for the mattresses you collect from your residents.

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry to plan and manage the Connecticut mattress recycling program.

As of May 1, 2015, retailers and other businesses selling mattresses began collecting a \$9 recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to a Connecticut consumer. These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses.

### Participant Eligibility

**Participating municipalities no longer incur mattress recycling costs.**

MRC uses the collected recycling fees to pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses.

**Recycling mattresses conserves natural resources and benefits the environment.** Program participants divert mattresses from waste-to-energy facilities and landfills and allow materials like fiber, foam, steel and wood to be reused.

### What MRC Provides

- Collection containers at your site
- Transportation from your site to the contracted recycler
- Mattress recycling services

### Participation Requirements

- Must register with MRC Program Coordinator for no-cost recycling services
- Provide a secure site for the collection container
- Keep mattresses dry and segregated
- Pack mattresses efficiently to maximize container capacity
- Complete required paperwork to track outgoing shipments

### Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?

**Most mattresses and box springs discarded by Connecticut residents or collected in curbside bulky waste pickup are eligible for the program.**

We are unable to accept:

- Severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs
- Items infested with bed bugs
- Mattress pads or toppers
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Car beds
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, cribs, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers, and playpens or their pads
- Infant carriers, lounge pads, or crib bumpers
- Water beds or camping-style air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and furniture



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