



## California Mattress Recycling Program for Educational Institutions

In 2013, California enacted The Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act which requires 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 educational institutions that generate used mattresses to recycle them.

Educational institutions located in the state may deliver mattress discards to an MRC contracted recycling facility for no-cost recycling.

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry and certified by CalRecycle to plan and manage the California mattress recycling program known as Bye Bye Mattress.

As of December 30, 2015, retailers and other businesses selling mattresses began collecting a recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to California consumers and large volume users. These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses and combat illegal dumping.

### Benefits of Participating

**Participating educational institutions no longer incur mattress recycling costs.** MRC uses collected recycling fees to pay for the recycling of the mattresses throughout California.

**Recycling mattresses conserves natural resources and benefits the environment.** Program participants divert mattresses from landfills and allows materials like fiber, foam, steel and wood to be used in other consumer products.

### Participation Requirements

- Keep mattresses dry
- Schedule delivery time with the MRC contracted recyclers
- Transport mattresses to recycler
- Complete required paperwork upon arrival

*See reverse side for frequently asked questions and list of recyclers.*

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

**Most mattresses and box springs discarded in California are eligible for the recycling program. Mattresses from out of state sources are ineligible.**

*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, 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

### FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Mattress Recycling Council**  
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[www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](http://www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Am I required to recycle mattresses through your program?**

No. You may continue to discard mattresses through your established relationships.

### **Where can students find a list of mattress collection sites?**

Students may drop off mattresses at no cost at any MRC contracted collection site or recycling facility. These are listed in the recycling locator at [ByeByeMattress.com](http://ByeByeMattress.com).

### **We are renovating our campus dormitories. Where can I find a list of participating recycling facilities?**

MRC has a contract with the following mattress recycling companies. You must contact them directly to schedule a delivery time for no-cost recycling of your mattresses. Additional information about each recycler is available at [www.ByeByeMattress.com](http://www.ByeByeMattress.com) in the recycling locator.

**Blue Marble Materials** (323) 724-2583  
Commerce—6050 Rickenbacker Road Commerce, CA 90040  
Fresno—2947 South Elm Avenue Fresno, CA 93706  
San Diego—4686 Mercury Street, San Diego, CA 92111  
San Leandro—1501 Doolittle Drive #G, San Leandro, CA 94577

**Cristal Materials Los Angeles** (323) 752- 2024  
6825 McKinley Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001

**DR3 Oakland** (510) 351-0520  
9921 Medford Avenue Oakland, CA 94603

**Cleaner Earth Company** (805) 481-9213  
504 S. Western Ave Santa Maria, CA 93458

**DR3 Woodland** (530) 665-6877  
1233 Commerce Avenue Suite C&D Woodland, CA 95776

**Continental Environmental** (714) 266-2036  
11030 Artesia Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703

**Goodwill of Silicon Valley** (408) 869-9158  
1080 North 7th Street San Jose, CA 95112

### **Does MRC provide transportation services?**

MRC does not provide transportation, however you may use your own in-house or third party transporters. You may also inquire about transportation with your selected recycler.

### **We want to host a collection event on our campus. What promotional materials do you provide?**

MRC's Marketing & Communications Department can help you promote your collection event with suggested content and artwork for use on flyers, with signage, in a press release or through social media. To discuss use of the MRC or Bye Bye Mattress logos or custom promotional items, please contact Amanda Wall at: [awall@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](mailto:awall@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org) or (571) 482-5431.