



Mattress Collection Events

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

Bye Bye Mattress is made possible by the recycling fee that is collected when mattresses or box springs are sold.

MRC uses collection events to provide access to mattress recycling across California. **MRC is able to provide a limited number of events with an emphasis on servicing economically disadvantaged, rural and underserved communities (where permanent collection infrastructure is limited.)**

Eligible Event Hosts

- **Municipalities** such as cities and counties.
- **Solid Waste Facilities** such as landfills, transfer stations and municipal yards.
- **Other suitable locations** such as civic groups, non-profit organizations, or public institutions/facilities that have access to large paved parking lots.

What MRC Provides

- Assistance with event promotion
- A 53-foot trailer for holding collected mattresses
- Labor to load mattresses (optional)
- Transportation
- Mattress recycling

Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?

Most mattresses and box springs discarded by California residents are eligible for the recycling program. Mattresses from out of state 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

Participation Requirements

- Make request for event at least 60 days prior to the event date
- Complete the [online form](#) and agree to MRC's Terms & Conditions
- Provide a collection location accessible to a 53-foot trailer (special accommodations can be made for remote locations)



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Frequently Asked Questions

Event Hosting Responsibilities, Requirements & Logistics

How can I get a mattress collection event in my community?

Register online [here](#) and an MRC Program Coordinator will contact you to assess eligibility and discuss event logistics. Event approval is subject to the availability of MRC's service providers and are approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

How far in advance of my event should I contact MRC?

MRC requires at least 60-days' notice to coordinate event promotion, labor and transportation resources.

What type of promotional assistance do you provide?

MRC provides event hosts with a media alert, social media guidelines, printable flyers and event day signage. All events are posted on [ByeByeMattress.com](#) and promoted on the Program's Twitter and Facebook pages. Please see the [Event Host Toolkit](#) for details.

Am I only limited to one event or can I arrange a series of collection events?

MRC provides events to communities throughout California. To maximize our coverage, most entities will be limited to one event per year. Special accommodations can be made for economically disadvantaged, rural, and underserved communities.

How much space is required for the mattress collection event?

The amount of space required is dependent on anticipated number of participants, extent of event advertising and per unit limitations on participants. Most events will need to have sufficient space to park a 53-foot trailer, unloading lanes, and vehicle queuing so any backlog does not affect local roads or traffic.

Am I limited to one trailer per event?

MRC provides trailers and staffing based on the expected number of mattresses. A 53-foot trailer holds up to 150 mattresses and/or box springs.

Should we limit the number of mattresses and box springs residents bring to the event?

Yes. MRC recommends establishing a maximum number of mattresses per vehicle, per day.

Can I provide my own labor?

Providing your own labor to load units will increase our ability to provide events to your community. MRC can still provide a no-cost trailer, transportation, recycling and promotion of your event.

What if I receive mattresses that are not acceptable for recycling?

Your MRC Program Coordinator will find disposal options for unacceptable mattresses.