



## California Large Volume Pick Up Service

California's Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act requires the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used and discarded in the state.

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.

Bye Bye Mattress is made possible by the \$11 recycling fee that is collected when mattresses or box springs are purchased in the state.

### Eligibility

- Open to retailers, hotels, universities or other educational institutions. Mattress retailers must be registered with MRC, remitting the recycling fees and compliant with all provisions of the law to participate.
- Must have accumulated a minimum of 100 units. Partnering with other local businesses and organizations to reach the 100 unit minimum is permitted.
- Units must have been used and discarded in California.

### What MRC Provides

- Transporting collected mattresses to an MRC-contracted recycler.
- Mattress retailers collecting 100 or more mattresses per month may request a permanent trailer.

### Participation Requirements

- Agree to the Large Volume Pick Up [Guidelines](#).
- Complete the [request form](#) at least 14 days in advance. Form must be completed by the entity needing pick up (where the collected mattresses are located).
- Provide a collection area that is capable of allowing access to a 53-foot trailer.
- Provide a minimum of two staff to load units into the provided trailer.
- Keep collected units dry.

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

**Units used and discarded in California are eligible for the recycling program. Units 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



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Large Volume Pick Up Requests

#### **Can I recycle mattress related items?**

No. 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, crib mattresses and furniture are not acceptable under the program.

#### **Can I recycle mattresses that are infected with bed bugs, damaged, wet, twisted, frozen, or heavily soiled?**

No. Mattresses in these conditions should be disposed of as solid waste at the participant's expense.

#### **What if I do not have 100 units to discard?**

MRC requires a minimum of 100 units for the Large Volume Pick Up Service. If your site has less than 100 units, consider partnering with nearby retailers, hotels, and/or educational institutions to accumulate the minimum number. Contact MRC for additional details.

#### **Will MRC assist in loading trailers?**

No, it is the responsibility of the requesting entity to load the trailer.

#### **How long do I have to load the trailer?**

Three hours are allocated to load the trailer. If the site needs more time to load, contact MRC to discuss alternate solutions.

#### **Where will the mattresses be taken?**

The mattresses will be taken to an MRC-contracted recycler. Find the list of recyclers at [www.ByeByeMattress.com](http://www.ByeByeMattress.com).

#### **Will I receive documentation for recycling mattresses?**

MRC's transporter will provide a Bill of Lading to document the shipment. Keep a copy for your records.

Find Large Volume Pick Up forms, guidelines and other information at  
[www.MattressRecyclingCouncil.org](http://www.MattressRecyclingCouncil.org)

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