



## California Mattress Recycling Program for Mattress Retailers

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 new law requires retailers to collect the recycling fee and offer customers the option to have a used mattress picked up, at no additional cost, when a new mattress is delivered. Taking advantage of MRC's no-cost recycling services is voluntary.

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

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 retailers no longer incur mattress recycling costs.** MRC uses the collected recycling fees to pay for recycling mattresses.
- **Recycling mattresses conserves natural resources and benefits the environment.** Program participants divert mattresses from landfills and allow materials like fiber, foam, steel and wood to be made into other useful products.

### What MRC Provides

- No-cost mattress drop off at an MRC contracted recycling facility
- Collection containers in targeted areas that are outside a "reasonable distance" from recycling facilities
- Consumer education materials

### Participation Requirements

- Only mattresses collected from California consumers are eligible
- Make your own delivery arrangements with an MRC contracted recycling facility

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

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

## Mattress Recycling Program & Take-Back Requirement

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

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

### The law says retailers currently have to provide the option to have a used mattress picked up, at no additional cost, at the time a new mattress is delivered. Does this mean I have to collect any mattress regardless of its condition from my customer?

There are some exceptions to this requirement. First, common carriers are not required to take back any discarded units. Second, a retailer or third-party contractor, may refuse to take a used mattress if they determine it is contaminated and poses a risk to personnel, new products or equipment.

### Where can my customer find a list of mattress collection sites?

California residents 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).

### 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.

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

**Cristal Materials** (323) 752- 2024  
6825 McKinley Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001  
7020 Stanford Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001

**DR3 Livermore** (541) 743-7141  
Livermore, CA 94550

**DR3 Stockton** (541) 520-1079  
4447 S. Airport Way, Stockton, CA 95206

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

**Mat Services** (951) 733-8682  
1020 Mildred Ave., Bldg. D, Ontario, CA 91761

**R5 Recycling** (626) 538-1850  
1705 Mountain Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

### 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.

### What consumer education materials do you provide?

MRC's Marketing & Communications Department provides in-store posters, information cards and other items to help retailers explain the recycling fee and Program to your customers. They are provided at no-cost any may be ordered at any time. To discuss use of the MRC or Bye Bye Mattress logos or consumer education materials, please contact MRC's Marketing & Communications Department at: [info@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](mailto:info@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org) or 1 (855) 229-1691.