



## Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program for the Lodging Industry

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 hotels that dispose of used mattresses in Connecticut to recycle them. Hotels located in the state may *voluntarily participate* in the program.

MRC will provide no-cost transportation and recycling services to hotels discarding 50 or more mattresses at one time.

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

As of May 1, 2015, retailers and other businesses selling mattresses collect a \$9 recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to a Connecticut consumer or end user (such as a hotel). These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses.

### Participant Eligibility

**Participating hotels 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

- Transportation from your collection site to the contracted recycler
- No-cost recycling services

### Participation Requirements

- Must accumulate a minimum of 50 units prior to MRC providing transportation services
- Must register with MRC Program Coordinator for no-cost recycling services
- Keep mattresses dry
- Staff must load accumulated mattresses into the provided collection truck upon its arrival
- Complete required paperwork to track outgoing shipments

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

**Most mattresses and box springs discarded by Rhode Island 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 air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and furniture



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