



Rhode Island Mattress Recycling Program for Mattress Retailers

Rhode Island's General Law 23-90 requires the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used and discarded in the state.

The new law only requires retailers to charge the recycling fee, 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 to plan and manage the Rhode Island mattress recycling program.

As of May 1, 2016 retailers and other businesses selling mattresses began collecting a \$16 recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to a Rhode Island consumer. These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses.

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

- Recycling of mattresses at no cost to you
- No-cost mattress drop off at an MRC contracted recycling facility
- Transportation for large quantity generators
- Program promotional materials

Participation Requirements

- Must register with MRC Program Coordinator for no-cost recycling services
- Keep mattresses dry
- Staff must load accumulated mattresses into the provided collection truck or container
- 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 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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