

MATTRESS RETAILERS

Registering, Collecting Recycling Fee and Reporting to MRC Required by State Law

The Law & Program

California's Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act (SB 254) required the mattress industry to create and manage a statewide mattress recycling program. The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is the nonprofit organization created by the mattress industry and certified by CalRecycle to administer this program. This program, known as Bye Bye Mattress, is funded through a \$10.50 recycling fee collected on all purchases of new, used and renovated mattresses and box springs.

Program Update — Futons Now Included in Mattress Definition

As a result of amendments to the law (AB 187), on January 1, 2020, the definition of a mattress expanded to include futons. This means futon mattresses are included products, but not futon frames or bases. Retailers, manufacturers, distributors, importers and renovators of futon mattresses are affected by this change.

Obligations

If you sell or offer for sale products in California that fit the law's definition of mattress or box spring, you must:

- Register your company with MRC.
- Collect the recycling fee on each sale and remit the fee to MRC monthly.
- Offer no-charge take-back of your customer's used mattress and/or box spring when you deliver the sold mattress or box spring. Those using common carrier delivery are exempt until January 2021.
- Monitor CalRecycle's site for registered manufacturers and brands. You must not sell mattresses or box springs offered by unregistered manufacturers.

Consumer Education Materials

MRC provides retailers with free materials to help customers understand the fee, why its charged, what it is used for and how to recycle.

To request information cards, posters or other items for your store(s), contact info@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org.

Fee Collection

A \$10.50 fee applies to each mattress, futon mattress and box spring sold directly to California consumers or contract purchasers (hotels, hospitals, universities, etc.). The fee is:

- A flat rate regardless of mattress size or type.
- Charged per unit. Each mattress and each box spring is considered a separate unit.
- Listed on the invoice or sales receipt as "Recycle Fee" followed by the amount.

Registration & Fee Remittance

Retailers must register and remit the collected recycling fees in order to continue operating in the state.

Registration and fee remittance is easy and free of charge on MRCreporting.org.

Guidelines and step-by-step videos that explain each of these processes are available in the resources area.

RESOURCES

Definitions

<https://www.mrcreporting.org/Pages/Definitions.aspx>

Included and Excluded Products

<https://www.mrcreporting.org/Pages/InclExclProducts.aspx>

FAQs

<https://www.mrcreporting.org/Pages/FAQ.aspx>

California's Program

<https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/programs/california/>

Retailer Take Back

<https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/retailertakeback/>

CalRecycle

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/mattresses>



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