RHODE ISLAND

BECOMING A NO-COST MATTRESS COLLECTION SITE

The mattress industry's recycling program has saved cities and towns thousands of dollars in disposal fees each year and provided residents an easy way to recycle their unwanted mattresses and box springs.

Let MRC help you increase waste reduction and strengthen your commitment to sustainability.

Join the many other municipalities that are benefiting from the program.

Contact MRC today to become a collection site.

Overview

Since 2016, the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress program has successfully recycled more than 875,000 mattresses in Rhode Island. This is made possible by a recycling fee that is collected when mattresses and box springs are sold to consumers in the state. MRC administers this program in accordance with General Law 23-90 which created an industry-led statewide recycling program and reports to Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation.

Acceptable and Unacceptable Items

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
- Infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, cribs, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers and playpens or their pads
- Water beds or camping air mattresses
- Car beds
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and Furniture

What We Provide

- Collection containers at your site
- Transportation from your site to the contracted recycler
- Mattress recycling services

Participant Benefits

Participating municipalities 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.

Participation Requirements

- Must register with MRC Program Coordinator for no-cost recycling services
- Provide a secure site for the collection container
- Keep mattresses dry and segregated
- Pack mattresses efficiently to maximize container capacity
- Complete required paperwork to track outgoing shipments

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