

SLEEP PRODUCTS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM, or SP2.

Launched in keeping with our commitment to environmental stewardship, SP2 is the Mattress Recycling Council's (MRC) sustainability certification program. The focus is on reducing waste while generating operational efficiencies and generating cost savings in the mattress manufacturing process. Offered at no-cost to California mattress manufacturers, the program guides participants on how to achieve and maintain sustainability objectives.



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WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

SP2 offers individual mattress manufacturers training to conduct an in-depth analysis to identify ways to reduce environmental impacts, establish best practices, and set up metrics to track progress. To that end, SP2 first helps participants analyze their businesses and processes, and understand the environmental impacts of their products by examining:

- The nature and designs of the products they manufacture to reduce waste
- The raw materials they manage and consume in manufacturing and distributing those products
- The energy, water and other resources needed in the manufacturing and distribution processes
- How to manage and minimize waste products generated at each stage in the manufacturing and distribution processes
- How the products they manufacture today are managed at the end of their useful lives by recyclers

SP2 assists mattress manufacturers in creating voluntary, practical, environmental management systems that produce continual improvements over time.

Specifically, these efforts are intended to result in:

- Improved management of resources and raw materials such as steel, foam, fiber, fabric and wood, along with other components and packaging materials
- Reductions energy in water consumption
- Reductions in both total waste-generated and non-recyclable waste generated

WHO CAN JOIN?

All eligible California-based mattress manufacturers are welcome. Because the program is facility-based, mattress manufacturers with more than one location in California are able to enroll each location in the program.

WHY JOIN?

SP2 is a voluntary, no-cost program that benefits mattress manufacturers by creating a platform to lessen environmental impacts, increase efficiency, and lower overall operating costs.

SP2 can also serve as a pathway for pursuing an ISO 14001 certification, the international standard for effective environmental management systems.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once they complete the program, mattress manufacturer participants will earn an SP2 facility certification. The seal promotes and validates participation.

In the future, MRC may expand the program to include mattress retailers and component suppliers.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

For additional information about the goals and benefits of SP2 and participation in this no-cost opportunity, please visit www.MattressRecyclingCouncil.org/SP2 or contact Kate Caddy, MRC program coordinator, at 571-279-7366 or kcaddy@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org.



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