RHODE ISLAND



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MATTRESS RETAILERS, MANUFACTURERS, AND IMPORTERS

REGISTRATION, REPORTING AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Rhode Island's General Law 23-90

Rhode Island law 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 to administer this program. This program, known as Bye Bye Mattress, is funded through a $22.50 recycling fee collected on all purchases of new, used and renovated mattresses and foundations.

Requirements

Retailer

Retailers that sell or offer for sale products in Rhode Island that meet the law's definition of mattress or foundation, must:

- Register your compnay at MRCreporting.org.
- Collect the recycling fee on each mattress and foundation sold to end users in Rhode Island (including both individual consumers and contract purchasers, such as, but not limited to hotels, hopsitals and universities).
- Report mattress and foundation sales and and remit the fee to MRC monthly.

Manufacturers and Importers

Manufacturers or importers of products that meet the law's definition of mattress or foundation to end users in Rhode Island, you must:

- Register your company at MRCreporting.org.
- If you also sell or offer a product for sale in Rhode Island directly to an end user, you must register as a "Manufacturer" and as a "Retailer."

The fee **does not apply to wholesale sales to retailers. Retailers will collect the fee when they sell to the end user. The fee must only be collected from the end user.*

Fee Collection

A $22.50 fee applies to each mattress and foundation sold directly to Rhode Island end users (individual consumers or contract purchasers (e.g. hotels, hospitals, universities, etc.)). The fee is:

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

Fee Reporting and Remittance Policy

A company that has collected the mattress recycling fee must submit a Fee Report and remit the collected fees to MRC each month. Reports and payments are due no later than 30 days following the end of the previous month (e.g. if the company is remitting recycling fees for May, the deadline for the report and payment is June 30). Companies can use MRCreporting.org to submit reports, make payments and view the complete Fee Policy.

Registration, reporting 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.

Links

Definitions:
https://www.MRCreporting.org/Pages/Definitions.aspx

FAQs:
https://www.MRCreporting.org/Pages/FAQ.aspx

Included and Excluded Products:
https://www.MRCreporting.org/Pages/InclExclProducts.aspx

Rhode Island's Program:
https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/programs/rhodeisland/

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