



# BECOMING A NO-COST MATTRESS COLLECTION SITE

In March 2022, Oregon passed the Mattress Stewardship Act (SB 1576), establishing a statewide mattress recycling program administered by the bedding industry.

The industry created the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), a nonprofit organization, to administer this program. Bye Bye Mattress is the consumer-facing brand MRC created to promote the program.

By joining MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program, you'll provide your community a no-cost option for mattress recycling, divert valuable material from the waste stream, support local green jobs and help reduce illegal dumping.

## Overview

Since 2015, MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program has successfully recycled more than 10 million mattresses from California, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

This is made possible by a recycling fee that is collected when

mattresses and box springs are sold to consumers in these states.

MRC is submitting a plan to Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality proposing to start a program in 2024 that operates like those MRC currently administers.

## Acceptable and Unacceptable Items

Mattresses and box springs discarded by Oregon residents or collected in curbside bulky waste pickup are eligible for the program.

### Mattress recyclers 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
- Compensation for handling and loading mattresses into the provided containers
- Transportation from your site to the contracted recycler
- Mattress recycling services
- Assistance with residential education

## Participant Benefits

Participating facilities no longer incur mattress disposal 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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