



Mattress Recycling Council®

BYE BYE MATTRESS COMMERCIAL VOLUME PROGRAM COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

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These requirements describe the program and what your facility (collection site) needs to do to participate. For simplicity, these requirements will refer to mattresses and box springs as mattresses. MRC reserves the right to update, change, modify, amend, add or remove terms or otherwise alter these requirements at any time with or without prior notice.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Mattress Recycling Council

The bedding industry created the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) to provide states a solution to increase mattress recycling, and to reduce the amount of mattresses in landfills and illegally dumped in communities. State laws in California, Connecticut, Oregon and Rhode Island enable MRC to operate its Bye Bye Mattress program.

In each of these states households and businesses now have no-cost options to recycle mattresses. Businesses may recycle through the Commercial Volume Program by dropping off units directly at a participating location or eligible entities can arrange transportation with MRC. Households may directly recycle through a local collection site or event or indirectly through a residential bulky item curbside collection program or retailer that takes back old units when delivering new ones.

MRC's Bye Bye Mattress is made possible when consumers purchase a mattress or box spring. Fees vary by state and each state fee funds that state's program. The fee is primarily used to establish collection sites and events, transport mattresses from those locations to recyclers and cover the cost to disassemble the mattresses. Portions of the fee are also used for combatting illegal dumping, researching improvements to the recycling process and identifying new uses for materials, as well as conducting public education and outreach.

Commercial Volume Program

MRC provides Oregon businesses and organizations the following opportunities to recycle mattresses at no cost.

- Any business or organization may drop off any number of units at a participating recycler. Contact MRC for details.
- Eligible entities (ie: retailers, healthcare facilities, educational facilities, military bases, and lodging establishments) with at least 100 units to recycle can request transportation services. 14 days advance notice required. Contact MRC for details.

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PICKUP ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

MRC provides no-cost transportation and recycling of mattresses to eligible entities (ie: retailers, healthcare facilities, educational facilities, military bases, and lodging establishments) with at least 100 units to discard. All units must have been used and discarded in Oregon and MRC requires 14 days notice to secure transportation.

Eligibility

RETAILERS

- Must be registered with MRC, remitting the recycling fees and compliant with all provisions of Oregon's law (SB 1576 enacted in 2022).
- Must have accumulated a minimum of 100 units. Partnering with other local businesses, organizations or allowing public drop-off to reach the minimum is permitted.
- Those collecting at least 100 units monthly may be eligible for a permanent trailer.

OTHER COVERED ENTITIES

Healthcare, Hotels & Lodging Facilities, Military Bases, Universities & Educational Facilities

- Must have accumulated a minimum of 100 units. Partnering with other local businesses, organizations or allowing public drop-off to reach the minimum is permitted.
- When purchasing new units, selected vendor must be collecting and remitting the stewardship assessment (recycling fee).

Participation

To receive MRC's assistance with transporting and recycling mattresses, the eligible entity must:

- Complete a registration form and return it no later than 14 days in advance of the desired pickup date.
- Agree to follow these requirements.
- Provide a collection area that is capable of allowing access to a 53-foot trailer.
- Provide a minimum of two staff members to assist with loading units into the provided trailer.

INCOMING MATERIALS

INCLUDED PRODUCTS

As defined in Senate Bill 1576 and in MRC's Oregon Program Plan:

Mattress: Defined as any sleep surface covered with ticking or fabric that contains resilient material such as steel innersprings, foam, fiber or other filling or upholstery materials, used alone or in combination, regardless of size or shape. This definition includes foam mattresses.

Foundation (also commonly called box springs): A ticking-covered structure that is used to support a mattress or sleep surface and that may be constructed of frames, foam, box springs or other materials, used alone or in combination. This structure can be stationary or adjustable.



All units accepted for recycling or disposal must have been used and discarded in the state of Oregon.

INCOMING MATERIALS

EXCLUDED FROM RECYCLING TRAILER

Units in these conditions cannot be placed in the MRC-provided trailer:

- Program mattresses that are severely wet/moldy, damaged, twisted, frozen or soiled
- Program mattresses infested with bed bugs or other living organisms



EXCLUDED FROM NO-COST DROP-OFF (NON-PROGRAM PRODUCTS)

As defined in Senate Bill 1576 and in MRC's Oregon Program Plan, these products are excluded from the definition of mattress and foundation:

- Adjustable bases not covered in ticking or fabric
- Air mattresses that contain no upholstery material (such as camping beds)
- Car beds
- Collapsible roll-away beds
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futon mattresses, frames and bases
- Juvenile products including crib mattresses, carriages, baskets, dressing tables, strollers, playpens, infant carriers, lounge pad, crib bumpers
- Loose bedding, blankets or sheets
- Mattress pads and toppers
- Mattresses stripped of padding components (partial units)
- Metal bed frames
- Out-of-state mattresses
- Pillows and cushions
- Sleeping bags
- Water beds



To learn more about included and excluded products, view videos in our **Resources Library** at www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/resources/for-collectors

MATERIAL SCREENING

Program mattresses in the following conditions cannot be placed in the MRC-provided trailer:

- Infested with bed bugs or other living organisms
- Severely twisted, punctured or crushed
- Excessively wet or frozen
- Exceptionally soiled or moldy

Mattresses not placed in the MRC-provided trailer should be handled and disposed of as solid waste.

BED BUG IDENTIFICATION

Mattresses and box springs infested with bed bugs are unacceptable for recycling and should be disposed of as solid waste. Staff at collection sites should evaluate program mattresses for evidence of bed bug infestation. A training webinar focused on dispelling health related myths, identifying bed bugs and offering best practices for protecting staff can be found here:

<https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/resources/for-collectors>



Signs of bed bug activity may be more obvious than the insects themselves. Look for clusters of dark spots or smudges on mattresses (fecal spots), especially along seams. Eggs, shed skins and all life stages of bed bugs may also be present in these 'soiled' areas.



Bed bugs are tan to brown in color, but may appear redder if they have fed.

Adult Bed Bugs are dorsally flat insects, broadly oval and the size of an apple or melon seed (1/4").

Nymphs look like adults in shape but are smaller.

Eggs are white and barrel-shaped.



For more information on bed bugs, please refer to the resources made possible by the **Connecticut Coalition Against Bed Bugs** at www.ct.gov/caes/CCABB

MATERIAL SCREENING

Participating sites must determine if the unit is loaded into the MRC-provided trailer or is disposed of as solid waste.

Acceptable For Trailer

Shown here are examples of units in a variety of conditions that are suitable for placement in the MRC-provided trailer.

As demonstrated in these photos, the units do not have to be in new or like new condition. They can be dirty, moderately soiled, lumpy or misshapen from years of use or improper storage, and have signs of wear and tear such as rips or scuffs.

IMPORTANT: Only units used and discarded in Oregon are accepted by the program.



Unacceptable For Trailer

Shown here are examples to illustrate severe damage, heavy soiling and infestation. Units in these conditions cannot be placed in the MRC-provided trailer. They should be disposed of as solid waste.

Look for:

- Mattresses that are severely twisted, punctured or crushed
- Signs of bed bugs or other living organisms
- Severe mold
- Excessive staining from bodily fluids
- Fire damage



MATERIALS COLLECTION & HANDLING

Each collection site will have unique operational considerations. Participating sites must make their own decisions about how to best manage their operations in the safest manner possible in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws. At a minimum, each participating site must meet these requirements:

MINIMUM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	
SITE	Each collection site must be secure with adequate space and staffing to handle and store all program mattresses received.
PERMITS	Each collection site must have knowledge of and comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws. These may include, but are not limited to, zoning requirements, state permit requirements and OSHA or other workplace requirements.
INSURANCE	Each collection site must maintain general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
TRAINING	Staff at each collection site must be trained and knowledgeable regarding these requirements before accepting mattresses for recycling.
STORING & LOADING MATTRESSES	<p>Collection sites must keep mattresses dry by storing in weatherproof containers or under cover to maximize their recyclability. In addition, all collection sites must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make every effort to place mattresses in MRC-designated storage containers immediately upon acceptance. • Do not store units on the ground for prolonged periods of time and make every effort to keep container doors closed. • Keep mattresses intact and not intentionally crush or puncture them. • Efficiently stack mattresses to maximize the number of units loaded in each storage container. • Provide oversight to keep unacceptable items out of MRC-designated storage containers. • Remove any non-program products from MRC-designated storage containers before transport to MRC recyclers. • Make a swap request through MRC's electronic reporting platform in advance of the onsite container reaching capacity. • Practice good housekeeping standards and keep storage containers and program mattresses in a neat and orderly condition.
SITE ACCESS	Collection sites must allow MRC access to confirm compliance with these requirements.

See page 10 for photos and more information

MATERIALS COLLECTION & HANDLING

LOADING MATTRESSES IN TRAILERS

Expected number of mattresses that should fit in various trailer sizes:

Trailer Type	Number of Mattresses
48-foot trailer	100-120
53-foot trailer	120-150

Acceptable Loading

- 1. Begin each stack with a queen or full size box spring.**
This acts as a base pallet to create a secure stack and makes unloading of mattresses quick and efficient.
- 2. Mattresses should be stacked horizontally** to the top of the trailer to maximize space.
- 3.** In small quantities, king size mattresses can be placed vertically next to a stack of horizontal mattresses.
- 4.** If there are more than 10 king size units, stack horizontally.



Unacceptable Loading

IMPORTANT: Do not load units vertically or in an unsafe manner.

Please contact your Program Coordinator to learn more about acceptable/non-acceptable units and appropriate stacking and loading techniques.



To learn more about screening, stacking and loading mattresses, view videos in our **Resources Library** at www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/resources/for-collectors

TRANSPORTATION & PROCESSING

Transporters, recyclers and some eligible collection sites must use the MyMRC electronic reporting platform (<https://mrc-us.my.site.com>) for requesting pickups, managing cancellations, coordinating deliveries and reporting issues and data to MRC.

TRANSPORTERS

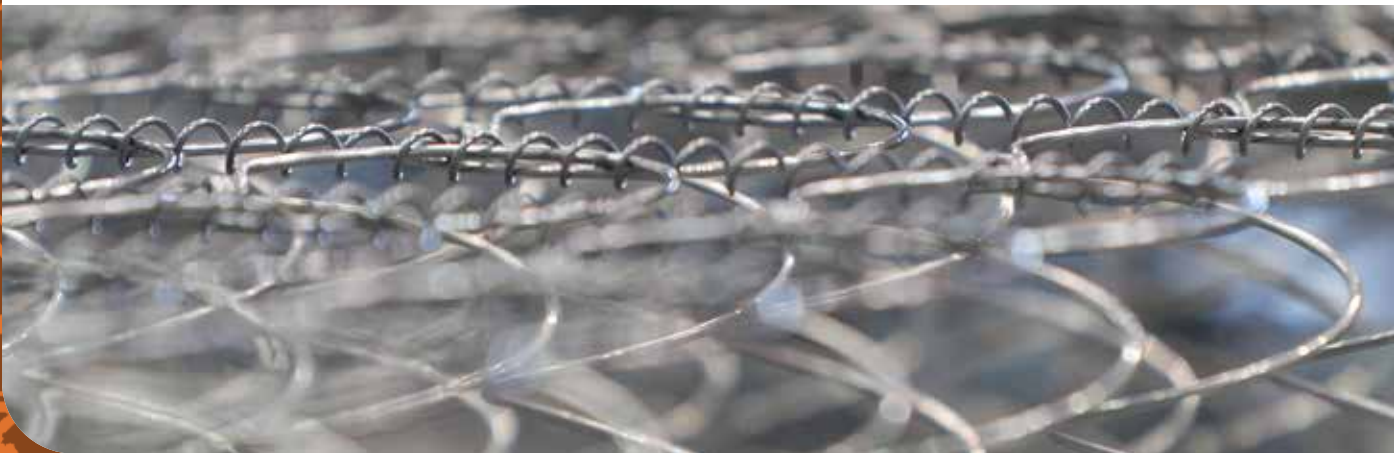
MRC will assign each eligible collection site transportation services.

- MRC-contracted transporters will provide participating locations with evidence of automobile insurance coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- MRC or its contracted transporter will make arrangements to drop off or swap trailers at a collection site.
- On the scheduled pickup day, the collection site must make the collection container readily accessible to the transporter.
- At the time of the pick up, the transporter may request collection site staff to sign a Bill of Lading (BOL) supplied by the transporter documenting collection site location details and the quantity of mattresses in the container.

A collection site may choose to provide its own storage containers and transportation. Such locations may only send mattresses to recyclers contracted by MRC and participating in the Program, and must schedule a drop-off time with the recycler.

RECYCLERS

Recyclers under contract with MRC will meet environmentally sound management requirements and established recycling standards to accurately account for all mattresses received, the mattress components recycled (e.g., foam, steel, wood, fiber, etc.) and any residual disposal. Collection sites will be assigned an MRC recycler to best service your facility.



ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT

MRC's contracts require that program participants use environmentally sound management practices to collect, transport and recycle discarded units.

For collection sites, required environmentally sound management practices include:

- Maintaining adequate record keeping. Program participants are required to maintain records related to implementation of the Program for not less than three years.
- Tracking and documenting the fate of discarded mattresses from collection through final disposition within and outside Oregon.
- Complying with all federal, state and local laws and regulations that apply to their business and operations, including air and water pollution laws, other environmental laws, worker health and safety requirements, fair labor standards rules and other laws that can affect the work and natural environment.
- Maintaining adequate liability insurance.



PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL & TERMINATION

An entity's participation in MRC's Commercial Volume Program is voluntary. Either party may withdraw from participation with 10 days written notice to the other party. MRC reserves the right to remove any entity not in compliance with these guidelines from further participation in the program.

