



# MATTRESS RETAILERS, PRODUCERS, AND RENOVATORS

## REGISTRATION, REPORTING AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS

### California's Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act

California's Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act (SB 254) 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 and certified by CalRecycle to administer this program.

Bye Bye Mattress is the consumer-facing brand MRC created to promote the program.

MRC funds this program through a \$16.00 recycling fee collected on all new, used and renovated mattresses, futons and foundations (box springs) purchased for use in the state.



### Requirements

#### Retailer

If you sell or offer for sale products in California that fit the law's definition of mattress or box spring, you must:

- Register your company with MRC at [MRCreporting.org](http://MRCreporting.org).
- Report monthly mattress sales to MRC.
- Collect the recycling fee on each sale and remit the fee to MRC monthly.
- Offer no-charge take-back of your customer's used mattress, futon mattress and/or box spring when you deliver the sold mattress, futon mattress or box spring.
- Monitor CalRecycle's site for registered manufacturers and brands.

*Per California law, you may not sell mattresses or box springs offered by unregistered manufacturers.*

#### Renovator

If you sell or offer for sale products that fit the law's definition of mattress or box spring, you must:

- Register your company with MRC at [MRCreporting.org](http://MRCreporting.org).
- Provide the brand names or URNs of these items.
- Report monthly mattress sales to MRC.
- Collect the recycling fee on each sale and remit the fee to MRC monthly.
- Offer no-charge take-back of your customer's used mattress, futon mattress and/or box spring when you deliver the sold mattress, futon mattress or box spring.
- Monitor CalRecycle's site for registered manufacturers and brands.
- Report to CalRecycle by May 1 of each year.

*Per California law, you may not sell mattresses or box springs offered by unregistered manufacturers.*

#### Producer

If you manufacture, distribute or import a product that is sold or offered for sale in California and fits the law's definition of mattress or box spring, you must:

- Register your company with MRC at [MRCreporting.org](http://MRCreporting.org) and provide the brand names or URNs of these items.
- If you sell or offer a product for sale in California that fits the law's definition of mattress, futon or box spring to an end user (a California consumer or contract purchaser such as a hotel, hospital or university) then you must also register as a retailer, collect the fee and remit the fee to MRC.

*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.*





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### Fee Collection

A \$16.00 fee applies to each mattress, futon mattress and box spring sold directly to California consumers or contract purchasers (hotels, hospitals, universities, etc.). The fee is:

- A flat rate regardless of mattress size or type.
- Charged per unit. Each mattress, each futon mattress and each box spring is considered a separate unit.
- Listed on the invoice or sales receipt as "Recycle Fee" followed by the amount.

### Requirements

#### Retailer

- Report monthly sales within 30 days of the previous month.
- Remit the collected recycling fees.

#### Renovator

- Report monthly sales within 30 days of the previous month.
- Remit the collected recycling fees.

#### Producer

Producers must register included products for retailers to continue selling or offering your products for sale in the state. Registration includes disclosing the brands or URNs of included products.

**Registration, reporting and fee remittance is easy and free of charge on [MRCreporting.org](https://www.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>

#### Included and Excluded Products:

<https://www.mrcreporting.org/Pages/InclExclProducts.aspx>

#### FAQs:

<https://www.mrc.org/Pages/FAQ.aspx>

#### California's Program:

<https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/programs/california/>

#### Retailer Take Back:

<https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/retailertakeback/>

#### CalRecycle:

<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/mattresses>



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