



Strengthening Rhode Island's Environment one mattress at a time

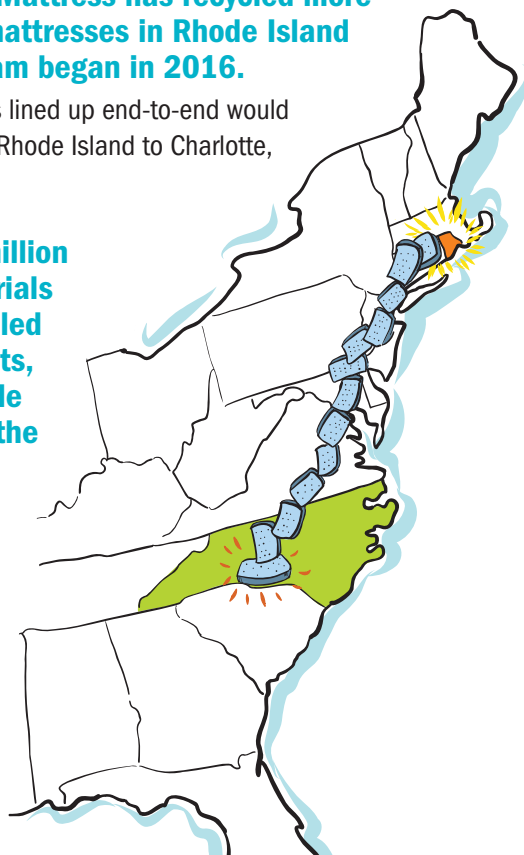
The Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress program is an example of Rhode Island's environmental leadership and the industry's commitment to sustainability.

MRC's Bye Bye Mattress has recycled more than 700,000 mattresses in Rhode Island since the program began in 2016.

700,000 mattresses lined up end-to-end would stretch exactly from Rhode Island to Charlotte, North Carolina.

More than 21 million pounds of materials have been recycled into new products, diverting valuable resources from the waste stream.

Foam, steel, wood, cotton and other fibers are used in carpet padding, insulation, building materials, mulch and more.



MRC's Bye Bye Mattress is accessible, offering everyone no-cost opportunities to discard their used mattress.

Mattresses are collected through a variety of channels, offering consumers and businesses options for recycling. Residents in 37 of 39 Rhode Island municipalities can directly access the program through their transfer station, public works yard, seasonal collection event or their waste hauler's curbside bulky item collection program. Two drop-off locations allow access to all state residents.

In addition, over 230 other public and private entities across Rhode Island participate in the program including mattress retailers, hotels, universities, junk haulers and apartment complexes. These entities are directly dropping off their mattresses at participating recycling facilities or MRC arranges transportation.

MRC's Bye Bye Mattress raises awareness of the value of mattress recycling.

MRC educates consumers about mattress recycling through its Bye Bye Mattress brand. More than 3.9 million visitors have used ByeByeMattress.com, which offers an easy locator tool to find the nearest mattress drop-off site, upcoming event details and a directory of waste haulers that offer at least one free pickup to residents each year.

MRC promotes the program through point-of-sale materials that explain the recycling fee, public service announcements, social media campaigns, digital communications, community outreach at events and generating media coverage in local news outlets.

MRC invests in solutions.

As an organization dedicated to recycling, MRC also works to curb illegal mattress dumping and find new end markets and better uses for the extracted mattress materials.

WHY RECYCLE?

REDUCES GREENHOUSE GASES

REDUCES ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESSES

creates RECYCLING JOBS

Creates **NEW PRODUCTS** from **old steel, foam, & wood.**

SAVES ENERGY

SAVES LANDFILL SPACE

SAVES WATER

what to do with an old mattress

3 EASY OPTIONS



1 Collection Site Drop Off

Drop your old mattress off at your town's participating Bye Bye Mattress collection site.



2 Recycler Drop Off

Drop your old mattress off at a participating Bye Bye Mattress recycler.



3 Retailers Take It

Ask your retailer. They may be able to take back your old mattress when your new one is delivered.

Funded Through a Recycling Fee

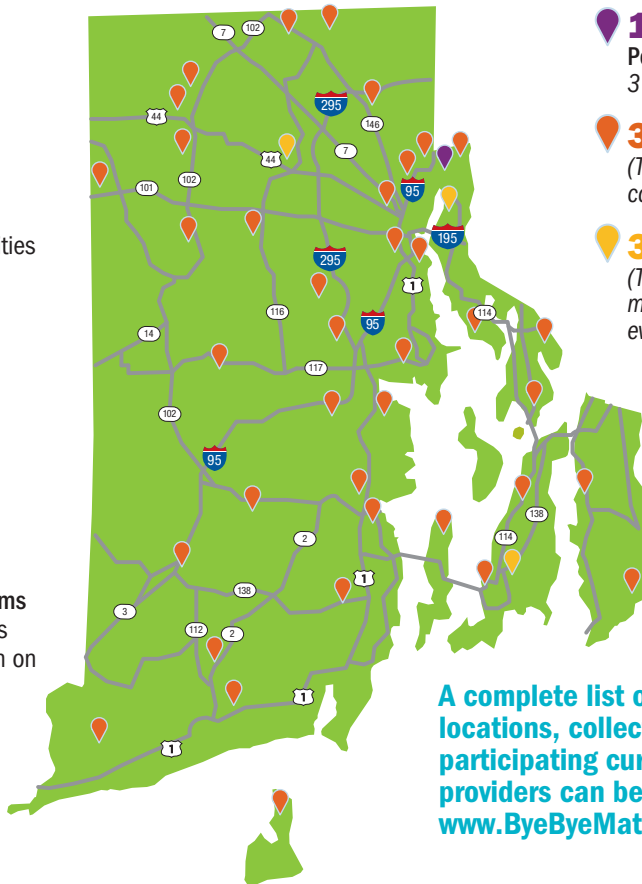
When mattresses and box springs are purchased in Rhode Island a fee is collected by the retailer. Retailers send collected fees to MRC each month.

MRC uses these fees to:

- provide collection sites with containers
- cover costs associated with accepting mattresses at collection events
- transport the collected mattresses to recycling facilities
- pay recyclers to dismantle the mattresses
- conduct education and outreach to industry and consumer audiences
- support research projects aimed at increasing efficiency and safety of mattress collection and recycling, and discovering new uses for materials
- oversee that the program is fulfilling the bedding industry's legal obligations and achieving performance goals

Every two years, an external auditor reviews and confirms the reasonableness of this fee. The examination reports are available online. Visit the Public Documents section on www.MattressRecyclingCouncil.org/Rhode-Island

RHODE ISLAND SITES & EVENTS



1 Recycler Consolidation Point (State is served by 3 recyclers.)

39 Collection Sites (This includes 5 curbside collection programs.)

3 Collection Event Locations (These cities/towns host multiple mattress collection events each year.)

A complete list of drop off locations, collection events and participating curbside collection providers can be found at www.ByeByeMattress.com

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