

OREGON ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESS COLLECTION INITIATIVE

Overview

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) allocates funding to the Oregon Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI). The payout per unit is up to \$15. Registration and monthly reporting is required. Participants may enroll at any time and also recycle the units with MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program at no-cost.

Participant Eligibility

Eligible entities must be collecting illegally dumped mattresses and box springs from the public right-of-way.

Eligible entities include:

- Local governments
- Authorized solid waste operations
- Permitted solid waste facilities

Please see the reverse side for how we work with third-parties that are collecting on behalf of an eligible entity.

Reporting Obligations

Participants must report the number of units collected each month and maintain the following documentation about each mattress or box spring:

- Photo of the unit(s) in the location it was collected
- The date the unit was collected
- The zip code it was collected from
- The disposition of the unit (recycled, landfill, etc.)

MRC requires participants to submit data within 45 days of the end of the reporting month.

Eligible and Ineligible Items

Mattresses and box springs illegally dumped in the public right-of-way in Oregon are eligible for compensation, no matter the condition of the unit. Units may be recycled through MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program if they meet the quality guidelines in the Oregon Collection Site Requirements.

The following items are not eligible for IDMCI or Recycling Services:

- Mattress pads or toppers
- Furniture
- Sleeping bags
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, cribs, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers, and playpens or their pads
- Car beds
- Infant carriers, lounge pads, or crib bumpers
- Water beds or camping air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futon frames or bases
- Metal bed frames

In 2022, Oregon passed the Mattress Stewardship Act (SB 1576), establishing a statewide mattress recycling program administered by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), a nonprofit organization. MRC created the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative to address the illegal dumping of mattresses across the state.

This initiative is made possible by the recycling fee that is required to be collected when mattresses and box springs are sold.

Ask us how to enroll and how to receive no-cost recycling of these units with MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program.

How to Sign Up

Contact MRC's Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative



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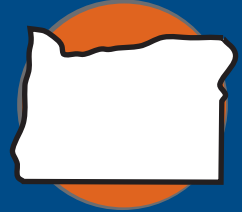
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Frequently Asked Questions:

Why was this program created?

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) developed the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI) to understand the extent of illegal mattress dumping by collecting community specific data. MRC uses this data to track illegal dumping activities and develop solutions.

Who is eligible to receive payments from the IDMCI?

Local governments, authorized solid waste operators and permitted solid waste facilities providing illegal dumping clean up projects on behalf of these entities are eligible to receive payments.

My municipality uses a franchised hauler(s) to collect illegally dumped mattresses. Are we eligible to receive compensation?

Yes, but only ONE entity may receive payment. If your municipality has an arrangement with a franchise hauler to pick up illegally dumped units on behalf of the municipality, then your franchise hauler must provide documentation of the illegally dumped units collected.

Do I have to be a contracted MRC collection location to receive compensation from the IDMCI?

No, but to be eligible for compensation, you must register for the IDMCI through our electronic reporting system. MRC requires all participants to input data within 45 days of the end of reporting month. Annual payments will be disbursed in the Spring of the following year.

How much will I be compensated for collecting illegally dumped units?

MRC will pay participants up to \$15 per unit. Amount per unit is calculated at the close of the calendar year by dividing the total budgeted amount by the number of illegally dumped units collected during the calendar year.

Our organization is a participating MRC collection location. Can we put illegally dumped units we collect in our collection container?

Yes, you may place the illegally dumped units in your container as long as they meet the MRC quality guidelines in the Oregon Collection Site Requirements.

Can I just provide MRC with the total number of units at the end of the year for illegally dumped mattresses and box springs collected?

No. MRC requires participants input their data including photo documentation into our electronic reporting system within 45 days of the end of the reporting month.

Can I receive reimbursement for illegally dumped mattresses that must be landfilled due to the quality of the units?

Yes. Units that are excessively wet, dirty or damaged are not suitable for recycling. Units that meet MRC quality guidelines outlined in the Oregon Collection Site Requirements are eligible for recycling.

Can a municipality have multiple Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI) participants removing mattresses from the public right-of-way?

Yes, the IDMCI allows for more than one eligible entity within a municipality to collect, dispose of and report illegally dumped mattresses. The entity must be registered with the IDMCI and report the data for the units collected in order to be eligible for payment. If your municipality has an arrangement with a hauler to pick up illegally dumped units on behalf of the municipality then only ONE entity may receive payment for a collected unit.