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Mattress Recycling Council Highlights Partnership with Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

Mattress recycling is a simple step for a cleaner, greener California

SALINAS, CALIF. — The Mattress Recycling Council today hosted a press conference with the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (known as Salinas Valley Recycles) celebrating their long-term participation in the Bye Bye Mattress program and commitment to raising awareness of the many no-cost mattress recycling opportunities for Monterey County residents.

“Salinas Valley Recycles is committed to keeping our region clean and moving toward a landfill-free future,” said Liz Silva, Gonzales mayor pro tem and Salinas Valley Recycles board president. “We work tirelessly to provide resources, locations and education about all of the programs we offer residents.”

Salinas Valley Recycles is a joint powers agency (JPA) that owns and operates one active landfill and maintains three closed landfills, one transfer station, and a recycling center and household hazardous waste facility. The three public facilities are part of the Bye Bye Mattress network. The JPA provides residents of eastern Monterey County and the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Salinas and Soledad with secure long-term solid waste disposal and resource recovery services in an environmentally sound and cost-effective manner.

Supported by Salinas Valley Recycles and MRC's work, Monterey County has been designated a [Clean California Community](#). The county has seen more than 280,000 mattresses recycled through MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program and has supported an Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force.

"Our collaboration with the Mattress Recycling Council continues to be an important way we achieve our goal of zero litter," said Chris Lopez, Monterey County supervisor for District 3 and Salinas Valley Recycles board member. "We are proud to celebrate the work of our Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force and to be able to highlight how we've worked hand-in-hand to replace illegal dumping with accessible, free recycling options for mattresses."

Three Salinas Valley Recycles facilities and the Monterey Regional Waste Management District's facility are participating as free drop-off locations in MRC's Bye Bye Mattress network. The Recycling Center at Madison Lane is one of the top recycling sites in the region, averaging the most mattresses per pickup and recycling nearly 1.5 million pounds of material over the past three and a half years.

Additionally, a number of Monterey County communities and unincorporated areas are serviced by a waste hauler that recycles the mattresses collected at the curb. On [ByeByeMattress.com](#), residents can search for the nearest location or learn if their community's curbside waste hauler participates in the program. Local options are:

- **Recycling Center at Madison Lane**, located at 1104 Madison Lane, Salinas, Calif. Drop-off hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available at <https://svswa.org/facilities/madison/>.
- **Johnson Canyon Landfill**, located at 31400 Johnson Canyon Road, Gonzales, Calif. Drop-off hours are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available at <https://svswa.org/facilities/johnson-canyon-landfill-recycling-center/>.
- **Jolon Road Transfer Station**, located at 52654 Jolon Rd., King City, Calif. Drop-off hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. More information is available at <https://svswa.org/facilities/jolon-rd-transfer-station-and-recycling-center/>.
- **ReGen Monterey**, located at 14201 Del Monte Blvd., Salinas, Calif. Drop-off hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available at <https://regenmonterey.org/>.

Meanwhile, mattress shoppers are encouraged to ask their retailer about a free pickup. Retailers that deliver a mattress to a California consumer must also offer to take back their customers' unwanted mattresses at no cost.

"MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program has transformed how transfer stations and landfills manage bulky items and help keep Monterey County free of illegally dumped mattresses and other blights," said Cesar Zuniga, general manager for Salinas Valley Recycles. "Diverting thousands of bulky mattresses each year preserves valuable airspace at local facilities like Johnson Canyon."

Since launching in 2016, MRC, a nonprofit organization created by the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA), has recycled more than 14 million mattresses from across California. As a result, more than 555 million pounds of steel, foam, fiber and wood were kept out of landfills and put to good use.

"Salinas Valley Recycles and Monterey County are shining examples of how to maximize what our program is providing communities across California," said Mike O'Donnell, MRC's chief operating officer. "Residents are no longer facing high disposal costs for mattresses and box springs."

When a mattress is recycled, up to 75 percent of its materials become new products. Foam and fibers are incorporated into carpet padding; the innersprings are used in products made from scrap steel; and the wood from box springs is chipped for use as mulch or biomass fuel.

"As MRC enters its second decade, the bedding industry remains committed to seeing mattress recycling flourish," said O'Donnell. "We're supporting research projects aimed at identifying new end markets for these materials and providing the industry insight into the impact their products have on the environment."

Visit ByeByeMattress.com to learn more about MRC's California program.

About the Mattress Recycling Council

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a nonprofit organization created by the bedding industry that operates recycling programs in states that have passed mattress recycling laws: California, Connecticut, Oregon and Rhode Island. MRC was founded by the bedding industry and recycles over 2 million mattresses each year. For more information about MRC, go to www.MattressRecyclingCouncil.org. To learn how to recycle your mattress or to find a collection location or event near you, visit www.ByeByeMattress.com.

About Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

The Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, a.k.a Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR), is a joint powers agency made up of the local governments of Monterey County (eastern half of the unincorporated county) and the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Salinas and Soledad. SVR is responsible for providing secure long-term solid waste disposal and resource recovery service to all of its members in an environmentally sound and cost-effective manner. SVR currently owns and operates one active landfill and maintains three closed landfills, one transfer station, and a recycling center and household hazardous waste facility. SVR is also responsible for overseeing future landfill siting or expansion to meet the area's long-term solid waste disposal needs.