



NOTICE TO MATTRESS RETAILERS

Connecticut Mattress Recycling Fee Begins May 1, 2015 *\$9 Recycling Fee Must be Collected on Mattress & Box Spring Sales*

Connecticut law requires mattress sellers to collect this fee. Failure to do so may prohibit you from selling mattresses in the state or cause you to incur other penalties. **Register now at www.mrcreporting.org.**

Fee Collection

Beginning May 1, 2015, businesses selling mattresses must collect a \$9 recycling fee on each mattress and box spring sold to Connecticut consumers. The fee is:

- A flat rate of \$9 regardless of mattress size or type.
- Charged per unit. Each mattress and each box spring is considered a separate unit. For example, if you sell a consumer a mattress and a box spring, the total fee is \$18.
- Listed on the invoice or sales receipt as "Recycle Fee" followed by the amount.
- Subject to sales tax.

Who Charges the Fee?

Retailers must collect the fee on all sales of mattresses and box springs that take place in Connecticut.

Retailers that sell online or through other non-store front venues (mail, television, etc.) must collect the fee on all mattresses and box springs sold for delivery in Connecticut, regardless of where the retailer is located.

The fee **does not** apply to mattresses or box springs sold by brick-and-mortar stores located outside of Connecticut for delivery in Connecticut.

Fee Remittance

The fee will be remitted to MRC via a secure, online portal. Retailers must register at www.mrcreporting.org to report and remit the fees you collect to MRC. *Registration is easy and free of charge.*

Fees collected on sales during a given calendar month must be remitted to MRC by no later than 30 days following the end of that month. For example, fees that a retailer collects on mattress and box spring sales in May must be remitted to MRC by June 30.

All proprietary sales data retailers submit to MRC will be kept confidential. However, MRC must report certain aggregated data to the state.

What is the Mattress Recycling Council?

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry to plan and manage Connecticut's statewide mattress recycling program. The fees it collects are used to contract with third parties to transport and recycle discarded mattresses.

Who is a "Retailer"?

A "retailer" is defined as someone who sells or offers to a consumer a mattress or a box spring in Connecticut, through any means, including, but not limited to, by remote offering, including sales outlets or catalogs, online, by telephone, or through the mail. If you meet these criteria, you must register with MRC and remit fees. For these purposes, this definition applies to sellers of mattresses and box springs both to residential consumers **and** to other mattress end-users (such as hotels, dormitories, hospitals, etc.).

See Reverse Side for More Frequently Asked Questions



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What if I am a producer that sells some mattresses to retail stores and some to end users?

The mattress recycling fee is only collected when a mattress or box spring is sold to an end user. If you sell to retailers that in turn resell your products to end users, the retailers are required to collect the mattress recycling fee from their end-user customers, and then remit those fees to MRC. If you are a producer that sells directly to end users (that is, individual consumers, hotels, etc.) in Connecticut, you must collect the fee and remit it to MRC.

Does the fee apply to mattress or box spring rentals?

The fee must be applied to mattresses or box springs sold to end users. In the case of rentals, the entity purchasing the unit to be rented to an end user would pay the fee.

Does the fee apply to other sleep products?

No. The fee does not apply to mattress pads, mattress toppers, sleeping bags, pillows, car beds, juvenile products including a crib mattress, carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, crib bumper or pad, water beds or camping style air mattresses, fold-out sofa beds or futons.

What happens when a customer returns a mattress or box spring to a retailer?

The retailer will refund the fee to the consumer when processing the customer return. Since a retailer remits fees only on its net sales of mattresses and box springs during a reporting month, all customer refunds during the month will be reflected in the net sales calculation.

Where can I find a complete fee remittance policy?

Visit the resources section of www.mrcreporting.org to read the entire fee remittance policy and access other resources.

Does a retailer have to report even if it has sold no mattresses or box springs in a reporting period?

Yes. Even if a registered retailer has no sales during a given month, the retailer still must file a report indicating no mattresses or box springs sales during the remittance period. If a retailer discontinues selling mattresses or box springs in Connecticut, it may terminate its MRC program registration. Once that termination is effective, it may stop filing monthly returns with MRC.

How was the fee established?

MRC set the fee, with approval from the state. The fee provides for the cost of operating and administering the program. MRC does not earn any profits from the program.

Will the fee change?

The fee could change if collected fees are too high or too low to sustain the recycling program. Any change in the fee is subject to state approval and MRC would provide 90-days notice to retailers to implement the new fee.

Are retailers required to recycle used mattresses or box springs that they collect from consumers when they deliver the new products?

No. Retailers are not required to recycle such mattresses or box springs. Retailers may voluntarily participate in the recycling program by providing their used mattresses and box springs to recyclers under contract to MRC. There is no recycling cost to participating retailers.

Our store's take-back program includes a delivery fee. Can we continue to charge this?

Participating retailers cannot charge to recycle a used mattress from your customers. However, the law does not prevent you from charging a delivery fee for new mattress sales.

Webinar Series to Debut this Spring

This spring, MRC will make short presentations available at www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org that will guide you through program registration, show you how to use the reporting and fee remittance portal, help you explain the program to your sales associates and answer questions from your customers, and explain how to fully comply with the law.