



## Connecticut Mattress Recycling Program for Educational Institutions

In 2013, Connecticut enacted Public Act 13-42, which required the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used and discarded in the state.

The law does *not* require universities that dispose of used mattresses in Connecticut to recycle them. Educational institutions located in the state may *voluntarily participate* in the program.

MRC will provide no-cost transportation and recycling services to educational institutions discarding 50 or more mattresses at one time.

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry to plan and manage the Connecticut mattress recycling program.

As of May 1 2015, retailers and other businesses selling mattresses began collecting a \$9 recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to a Connecticut consumer. These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses.

### Participant Eligibility

**Participating educational institutions no longer incur mattress recycling costs.** MRC uses the collected recycling fees to pay for recycling of the mattresses.

**Recycling mattresses conserves natural resources and benefits the environment.** Program participants divert mattresses from landfills and allow materials like fiber, foam, steel and wood to be reused.

### What MRC Provides

- Recycling of mattresses at no cost to you
- No-cost mattress drop off at an MRC contracted recycling facility
- Transportation for large quantity generators

### Participation Requirements

- Register with the MRC Program Coordinator
- Accumulate a minimum of 50 units prior to MRC providing transportation services
- Keep mattresses dry
- Staff must load accumulated mattresses into the provided collection truck upon its arrival
- Complete required paperwork to track outgoing shipments

### Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?

**Most mattresses and box springs discarded by Connecticut educational institutions are eligible for the recycling program. Mattresses from out of state facilities are ineligible.**

We are unable to accept:

- Severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs
- Items infested with bed bugs
- Mattress pads or toppers
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Car beds
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers, and playpens or their pads
- Infant carriers, lounge pads, or crib bumpers
- Water beds or camping-style air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and furniture

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