



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 new 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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