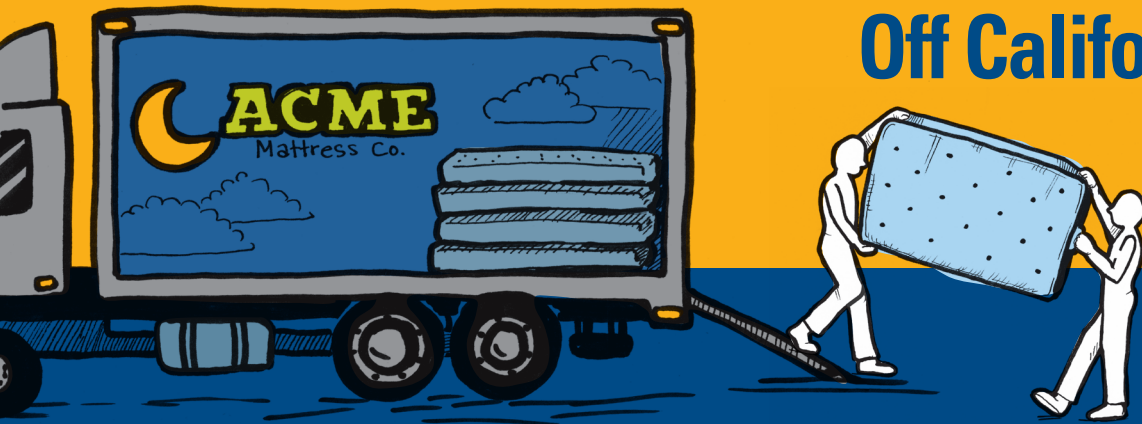


# We're Taking a Load Off California Retailers

No-Cost Take Back Required in California



California's Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act requires the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used and discarded in the state.

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry and certified by CalRecycle to plan and manage the California mattress recycling program known as Bye Bye Mattress.

Bye Bye Mattress is made possible by the \$10.50 recycling fee that is collected when mattresses or box springs are purchased in the state.

## What we provide:

- Transportation of collected mattresses to an MRC-contracted recycler.
- A permanent trailer for eligible mattress retailers.



## Eligibility:

- Mattress retailers must be registered with MRC, remitting the recycling fees and compliant with all provisions of the law to participate.
- Must have accumulated a minimum of 100 units. Partnering with other local businesses, organizations or allowing public drop-off to reach the 100 unit minimum is permitted.
- Retailers collecting at least 100 mattresses each month may request a permanent trailer.
- Units must have been used and discarded in California.

## Participation Requirements:

- Complete a registration form from MRC and return it no later than 14 days in advance of your pickup. The form must be completed by the entity needing pickup (where the collected mattresses are located).
- Agree to the Commercial Volume Pickup Guidelines.
- Provide a collection area that is capable of allowing access to a 53-foot trailer.
- Provide a minimum of two staff to load units into the provided trailer.
- Keep collected units dry.

## Commercial Volume Pickup Program

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## Ineligible and Unacceptable Items:

Units from out of state sources are ineligible.

### *We are unable to accept:*

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

## Frequently Asked Questions Commercial Volume Pickup

### Can I recycle mattress related items?

No. Mattress pads or toppers, metal bed frames, 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 camp-ing-style air mattresses, fold-out sofa beds, futon frames or bases, crib mattresses and furniture are not acceptable under the program.

### Can I recycle mattresses that are infected with bed bugs, damaged, wet, twisted, frozen, or heavily soiled?

No. Mattresses in these conditions should be disposed of as solid waste at the participant's expense.

### What if I do not have 100 units to discard?

MRC requires a minimum of 100 units for Commercial Volume Pickup. Mattress retailers desiring a permanent trailer must meet the 100 unit minimum monthly. If your site has less than 100 units, consider partnering with nearby retailers, hotels, and/or educational institutions to accumulate the minimum number. Contact MRC for additional details.

### Can I store mattresses until I have the 100 minimum unit amount?

Yes. Mattresses must be stored in a location where they remain clean and dry. Contact MRC to discuss transportation options.

### Will MRC assist in loading trailers?

No, it is the responsibility of the requesting entity to load the trailer. Participants are required to provide a minimum of two staff to load units into the provided trailer.

### How long do I have to load the trailer?

Three hours are allocated to load the trailer. If the site needs more time to load, contact MRC to discuss alternate solutions.

### Where will the mattresses be taken?

The mattresses will be taken to an MRC-contracted recycler. Find the list of recyclers at [www.ByeByeMattress.com](http://www.ByeByeMattress.com).

### Will I receive documentation for recycling mattresses?

MRC's transporter will provide a Bill of Lading to document the shipment. Keep a copy for your records.

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