Overview
Each year, the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) allocates $1 million to fund the California Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI). The maximum payout per unit is $15. Registration and monthly reporting is required. Participants may enroll at any time and also recycle the units at no-cost with MRC’s Bye Bye Mattress Program.

Participant Eligibility
Eligible entities must be collecting illegally dumped mattresses and box springs from the public right-of-way. Eligible entities include:
- Authorized solid waste operations
- Permitted solid waste facilities
- Government entities
- Nonprofit organizations
See the reverse side for how we work with third-parties that are collecting on behalf of an eligible entity.

Reporting Obligations
Participants must report the number of units collected each month and maintain the following documentation about each mattress or box spring:
- The date the unit was collected
- The zip code it was collected from
- The end-of-life management of the unit (recycled, landfill, etc.)

Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?
Mattresses and box springs illegally abandoned in the public right-of-way by California residents are eligible for the program. Units may be recycled through MRC’s Bye Bye Mattress program. However, if a unit is too damaged or contaminated for recycling, it is still accepted for compensation through IDMCI.

The following items are not eligible for IDMCI or recycling services:
- Mattress pads or toppers
- Sleeping bags
- Car beds
- Water beds or camping air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futon frames or bases
- Furniture
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, cribs, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers and playpens or their pads
- Infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

California’s Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act created the Mattress Recycling Council and the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative. This fund is made possible by the recycling fee that is required to be collected when mattresses and box springs are sold.

How to Sign Up
- Registration is available on Re-Trac. https://connect.re-trac.com/registration/mrc-idp
- Your registration will be reviewed and approved by MRC within two business days.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

Why was this program created?

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), the nonprofit formed by the mattress industry to implement the statewide mattress recycling program described in California’s law, developed the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI) to help offset costs associated with efforts to clean up illegally dumped mattresses and box springs in California.

Who is eligible to receive payments from the IDMCI fund?

Government agencies, permitted solid waste facilities, nonprofit organizations and authorized solid waste operations that accept mattresses are eligible to receive payments.

My municipality uses a franchised hauler(s) to collect illegally dumped mattresses. Are we eligible to receive compensation?

Yes, but only ONE entity may receive payment. If your municipality has an arrangement with a franchise hauler to pick up illegally dumped units on behalf of the municipality, then your franchise hauler must provide your municipality with documentation of the illegally dumped units collected.

My organization is a nonprofit that is contracted with public entities to perform cleanup duties in the public right-of-way. Is our nonprofit eligible to be reimbursed for any mattresses and box springs we collect and track?

Yes.

Do I have to be a contracted MRC collection point to receive compensation from the IDMCI fund?

No, but to be eligible for compensation, you must register with IDMCI, complete the monthly reports and submit an annual request for reimbursement.

Are mattresses and box springs both eligible to receive the reimbursement?

Yes. As of January 1, 2020, the definition of mattress was expanded to include futon mattresses. However, the futon base remains excluded.

How much will I be compensated for collecting illegally dumped units?

MRC will pay all qualified registered collectors the same amount per unit (up to $15.00 per unit), which will be calculated after the close of a calendar year by dividing the total funded amount by the number of illegally dumped units collected during the calendar year.

When will MRC allocate payments from the IDMCI fund?

The MRC will reimburse eligible entities on an annual basis. Payments are made in the spring of the following year.

Our organization is a participating MRC collection location. Can we put illegally dumped units we collect in our collection container?

Yes, you may place the illegally dumped units in your container as long as they meet the MRC quality guidelines outlined in your contract.

Can I just provide MRC with the total number of units at the end of the year for illegally dumped mattresses and box springs collected?

No. IDMCI Participants must document the number of units collected including the date, zip-code, and end disposition (recycled, landfilled, etc.) of collected units. Data must be entered monthly through the IDMCI reporting system (Re-Trac).

May I receive reimbursement for illegally dumped mattresses that must be landfilled due to the quality of the units?

Yes. Illegally dumped mattresses that are excessively wet, dirty or damaged are not suitable for recycling.

Where can I register as a collector?

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