The Mattress Recycling Council’s Bye Bye Mattress program is an example of California’s environmental leadership and commitment to sustainability.

Bye Bye Mattress has recycled more than five million mattresses in California since the program began in 2016. If these mattresses were laid end-to-end they would span nearly 6,000 miles — enough to build a bridge from California to Hawaii and back. By recycling these units, Bye Bye Mattress helped California save more than 6 million cubic yards of landfill space.

Bye Bye Mattress is accessible, offering all California residents no-cost opportunities to discard their used mattress. Statewide, 93 percent of all residents live within 15 miles of a Bye Bye Mattress collection site. There are more than 200 permanent drop-off locations and over 100 collection events held annually. Many residents also have access to the program through retailer take-back and municipal curbside pick-up services. In addition, more than 140 other public and private entities participate through the Commercial Volume Program including mattress retailers, hotels and universities.

Bye Bye Mattress works to address illegal dumping. MRC invests $1 million annually to fund the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative. This program collects data and uses the statistics to target affected communities. As a result, nearly 200,000 improperly disposed of mattresses have been removed from alleys, sidewalks and other public spaces.

Bye Bye Mattress raises awareness of the value of mattress recycling. MRC has implemented extensive outreach to educate consumers about mattress recycling through its Bye Bye Mattress brand and consumer-facing website, ByeByeMattress.com. More than one million visitors have visited the website, which offers residents an easy locator tool to find their nearest mattress recycling location or event. MRC also provides extensive consumer education including point of sale materials, public service announcements, social media campaigns, digital communications, community outreach at events and paid advertising including radio, television and billboards.

MRC invests $1 million a year in research and sustainability efforts. By increasing the recyclability of used mattresses, developing new end markets for recycled mattress components and identifying industry best practices, we are working to reduce waste and improve recycling. There’s more to every mattress!

More than 80 percent of all mattresses discarded in California are now being diverted from landfill for recycling and over 80 percent of a mattress can be recycled for other uses. Foam, steel, wood, cotton and other fibers from old mattresses can be turned into appliances, carpet padding, mulch and more.

Why recycle?

- Less reliance on WASTE TO ENERGY facilities by diverting mattresses from THE WASTE STREAM
- Conservation of resources by using OLD STEEL, FOAM, WOOD & other materials to create NEW PRODUCTS
- CREATING RECYCLING JOBS
- Reducing the number of ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESSES

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WAYS TO RECYCLE

1. Retailers Take It
   When delivering a new mattress, retailers are required to take the old one at no cost if requested.

2. Mattress Drop Off
   There are more than 200 permanent mattress collection locations throughout California and the program augments this with nearly 100 collection events annually.

3. Municipal Pickup
   Many waste service providers offer free mattress collection as part of their bulky item pickup services.

A complete list of drop off locations and collection events can be found at www.ByeByeMattress.com

We work with nonprofit partners including the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, the California Conservation Corps, Goodwill Industries, Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army.

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