Rhode Island’s General Law 23-90 requires the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box springs used and discarded in the state.

The law does not require healthcare facilities that dispose of used mattresses in Rhode Island to recycle them. Those located in the state may voluntarily participate in the program.

MRC will provide no-cost transportation and recycling services to healthcare facilities 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 Rhode Island mattress recycling program.

As of May 1, 2016, retailers and other businesses selling mattresses began collecting a recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to a Rhode Island consumer. These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses.

Benefits of Participating

Participating healthcare facilities no longer incur mattress recycling costs. MRC uses the collected recycling fees to pay for recycling 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 made into other useful products.

What MRC Provides

- Transportation from your collection site to the contracted recycler
- No-cost recycling services
- Must register with MRC Program Coordinator for no-cost recycling services
- Must 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

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