



## Rhode Island Mattress Recycling Program for Mattress Retailers

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 only requires retailers to charge the recycling fee, taking advantage of MRC's no-cost recycling services is **voluntary**.

Contact MRC to find out how your store can receive no-cost recycling services for the mattresses you collect from your customers.

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 retailers 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

- Recycling of mattresses at no cost to you
- No-cost mattress drop off at an MRC contracted recycling facility
- Transportation for large quantity generators
- Program promotional materials

### Participation Requirements

- Must register with MRC Program Coordinator for no-cost recycling services
- Keep mattresses dry
- Staff must load accumulated mattresses into the provided collection truck or container
- Complete required paperwork to track outgoing shipments

### Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?

**Most mattresses and box springs discarded by Rhode Island retailers are eligible for the recycling program. Mattresses from out of state stores 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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