



Let Us Help You With Your Next Community Clean-Up Event

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 recycling fee collected when a mattress or box spring is sold in the state makes collection events possible.

Contact MRC's Customer Service to find out how we can make a NO-COST mattress recycling event possible for your community.

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.

Retailers and other businesses selling mattresses collect a recycling fee on each mattress and box spring that is sold to California consumers and large volume users. These fees are remitted to MRC and used to recycle mattresses and combat illegal dumping. Collection events are one method MRC use to achieve these objectives.

Eligible Event Hosts

- **Municipalities** such as cities and counties.
- **Solid Waste Facilities** such as landfills, transfer stations and municipal yards.
- **Other suitable locations** such as civic groups, non-profit organizations, or public institutions/facilities that have access to large paved parking lots.

What MRC Provides

- A trailer for mattress collection and transportation to a recycler
- Labor to screen and load mattresses and box springs
- Assistance with event promotion

Which items are accepted and not accepted by the program?

Most mattresses and box springs discarded by California residents are eligible for the recycling program. Mattresses from out of state 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

How to Become an Event Host

- Fill out the [online form](#) and agree to MRC's Terms & Conditions
- An MRC Program Coordinator will follow up once your completed form is received



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Frequently Asked Questions

Event Hosting Responsibilities, Requirements & Logistics

How can I get a mattress collection event in my community?

Register online [here](#) and an MRC Program coordinator will contact you to discuss logistics and plan for your community mattress collection event.

How far in advance of my event should I contact MRC?

MRC requires at least one month to coordinate labor resources, transportation and event promotion.

What type of promotional assistance do you provide?

MRC provides event hosts with a media alert, social media guidelines, printable flyers and event day signage. All events are posted on ByeByeMattress.com and promoted on the Program's Twitter and Facebook pages. Please see the Event Host Toolkit at www.byebyemattress.com/toolkit for details.

Am I only limited to one event or can I arrange a series of collection events?

Discuss with your MRC Program Coordinator after registering online.

How much space is required for the mattress collection event?

The amount of space required is dependent on anticipated number of participants, extent of event advertising and per unit limitations on participants. At a minimum, the event location will need to have sufficient space for a 53' trailer, unloading lanes, and vehicle queuing so any backlog does not encroach on or affect local roads or traffic.

Am I limited to one trailer per event?

MRC provides trailers and staffing based on the expected number of mattresses. A 53' trailer holds up to 150 mattresses and/or box springs.

Should we limit the number of mattresses and box springs residents bring to the event?

Yes. MRC recommends establishing a maximum number of mattresses per vehicle, per day.

What if I receive mattresses that are not acceptable for recycling?

Your MRC Program Coordinator will find disposal options for unacceptable mattresses.