




MATTRESS RECYCLING COUNCIL (MRC)

**Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act
SB-254 & SB-1274**

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What is the MRC?

- Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) was created by International Sleep Products Association (ISPA), the trade association for the mattress industry
 - Non-profit organization tasked with implementing and standardizing mattress recycling laws in states with supporting legislation.
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MRC Program Objectives

Design and implement a program that:

- Meets the obligations of SB-254 and SB-1274
- Increases the number of mattresses recycled
- Reduces illegal dumping
- Is efficient and cost effective to minimize the consumer recycling fee

How will the program work?

- Mattress recycling fee established by MRC and approved by CalRecycle
- Retailers charge the fee on each mattress unit sold in the state
- The fee is remitted to MRC
- Retailers and solid waste facilities consolidate units
- Transporters move units from consolidation points to recyclers
- Recyclers deconstruct units
- MRC uses the fee revenues to pay service providers

Collection


- Consumers will continue to dispose of mattresses through traditional methods:
 - Retailer take-back with new purchase
 - Transfer station drop-off
 - Curbside pick-up
- Solid waste facilities provided with storage containers for efficient packaging
- SB 254 authorizes a payment to solid waste facilities to collect on behalf of the program




Recycling & Transportation

- RFP for transportation and recycling services in early 2015
- Program will require a number of transporters and processors to manage expected volumes
- High recycling rate can be achieved with uncontaminated feedstock
- MRC encourages competition and geographically separated recyclers

Timeline

- Retailers required to take back mattress when delivering new mattress: July 1, 2014
 - RFP for mattress transport and recycling: early 2015
 - Program Plan due: July 1, 2015
 - Budget development: on-going through plan submittal
 - Manufacturers, retailers and renovators must register with MRC
 - Program implementation: early 2016
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Roles for Solid Waste Facilities and Municipalities

- Consider participating in MRC program
 - Evaluate physical storage space
 - No-cost acceptance provision
 - CalRecycle reporting requirements beginning in July 2017
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Becoming a Collection Center

- www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org
- Click on the California Tab
- Click on the “Form” hyperlink
- Complete “Interested Party Form”
- Repeat for all of eligible facilities



Roles for Haulers/Recyclers/Transporters

- Watch for MRC's RFP in early 2015
- Understand your processing capabilities and costs
- Line-up downstream recyclers
- Report annually to CalRecycle on processing volumes (begins July 2017)

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