## **Countywide Mattress Recycling Program**

The Countywide Mattress Recycling Program (MRP) coordinates a multipronged effort to combat illegal dumping, bring awareness to free mattress recycling options, and maximize the recycling of this undervalued waste material at no cost to all County residents. Most County residents receive multiple annual free bulky item pick-up services from their waste haulers. Residents can also visit <a href="Bye Bye Mattress">Bye Bye Mattress</a> for multiple permanent locations where they can bring their unwanted mattress. When recycled, mattress and box spring materials can be <a href="recycled">recycled</a> into carpet, appliances, building materials, textiles, renewable fuel, and more.

In partnership with the <u>Mattress Recycling Council</u> (MRC) the County offers free community Mattress Recycling Collection Events throughout the year at various locations. All County residents are welcome to participate at any of these County events. MRP events have been very successful in the North County region, and Public Works staff is currently working to expand this program to new locations.

The County is also a participant in the California Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative, sponsored by MRC. As a participant, the County receives reimbursement for illegally dumped mattresses and box springs collected by Public Works Road Maintenance District crews and County contracted waste haulers. These funds are then used to support MRP and the County's broader goals in reducing illegal dumping while increasing recycling and landfill diversion.

To report illegal dumping, residents should call the County's Illegal Dumping Hotline at 1-888-8-DUMPING. County residents can also visit the <u>Clean LA</u> website or call 1(888) CLEAN-LA for more information on other environmental services and educational materials. The CleanLA website includes important information about organic waste management, household hazardous waste, electronic waste, non-controlled medical waste (including sharps/syringes), free tire recycling, smart gardening, and more. For questions and additional resources, please contact the Public Works <u>Environmental Programs Division</u> (EPD).