State Mattress Recycling Update

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ISPA and MRC

Founded over 100 years ago, the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) is the trade association for the mattress industry.

MRC is a non-profit organization created by ISPA to develop and implement statewide mattress recycling programs for states that have enacted mattress recycling laws.

Mattress Discards

Estimated 15 million mattresses are discarded every year in the US

Recycled

Landfilled, WTE

Renovated

Mattress Recycling Law Requirements

Industry must develop and administer a statewide program to recycle mattresses

- Provide for collection or receipt of mattresses (municipal waste sites, retailers, bulk generators)

Establish a visible fee collected at retail to fund the program

Regulatory oversight from the state

Conduct education and outreach program

Mattress Recycling

Mattresses are **CUT OPEN**

& THE LAYERS are separated.

Interior materials are **ORGANIZED** by type.

Foam, fiber and other soft commodities are **COMPRESSED.**

Metal & box springs ARE EXTRACTED & sent to scrap recyclers.

Then sold to steel mills **& FOUNDRIES.**

Wood is recycled & used **AS A FUEL SOURCE.**

STATE PROGRAM UPDATES

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Connecticut

OPERATIONS UPDATE

- Launched May 2015
- Recycled approximately 500,000 units
- 129 of 169 municipalities participating
- 227 entities with commercial volumes
- 2 recyclers

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OPERATIONS UPDATE

- Launched December 2015
- Nearly 4 million mattresses recycled
- Approximately 200 permanent collection sites
- 75 collection events per year
- California Conservation Corps, CRV and Habitat for Humanity contracts
- 7 Recyclers, 11 Facilities

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Rhode Island

OPERATIONS UPDATE

- Launched May 2016
- Recycled 245,000 units
- 37 of 39 municipalities participating
- 2 recyclers
- RFP issued for expiring recycler contracts; award in 2019
- RFP award for new transporters in 2019

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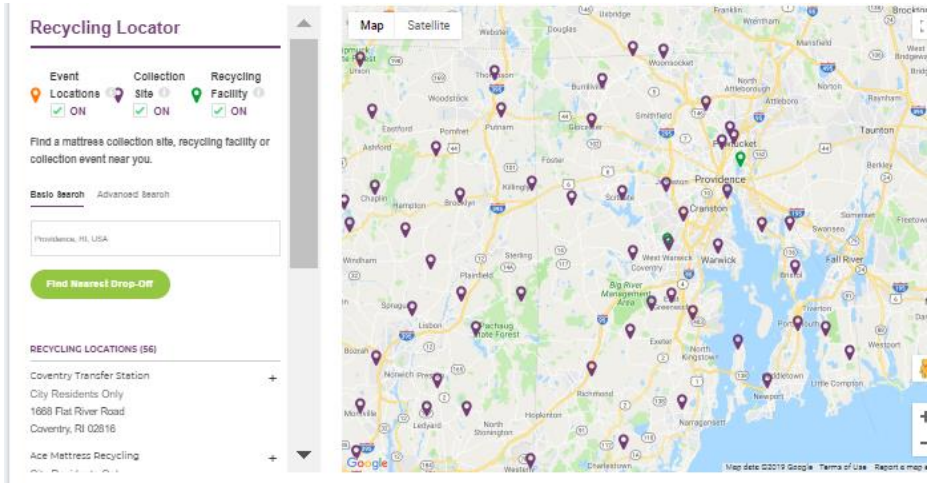
EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



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ONE MATTRESS AT A TIME

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

R&D PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Short term focus on “quick wins” and high priority projects
- Several RFPs and grants in various stages
- For more details please visit: www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org

Type	Status	Next Step
Collection Site Grant	Closed	Award recipients notified in April 2019
Pocket Coil Deconstruction RFP	Pre-applications closed	Selected applicants notified April 2019 to submit full proposal
Lean Manufacturing RFP	Open - Proposals due March 1, 2019	Award recipient notified March 15, 2019
New Market Development RFP	Open - Pre-applications accepted until April 5, 2019	

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MATTRESS RECYCLING LEGISLATION

- 2019 Session
  - Oregon SB 276 – new state mattress recycling bill
  - Maine LD 710 – new state study bill
  - Massachusetts draft legislation
  - California AB 187 – program improvements based on auditor's recommendations

- Issues for Consideration
  - New England Regional Approach
    - Create economies of scale and regional synergies
  - Consistency Among Different State Programs
    - Mattress market is national, and recycling rules should be consistent across different states
  - Lessons Learned

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