



California Mattress Recycling Program

OVERVIEW

- Industry-led nonprofit
- Funded by visible recycling fee
- Operating statewide recycling network
- Combating illegal dumping
- Conducting research
- Awarding funding
- CalRecycle oversight

WHAT THE FEE PROVIDES

- Containers and trailers for collection sites and events
- Transportation of mattresses from collection sites to recyclers
- Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative
- Education and outreach
- Research projects and funding awards
- Sleep Products Sustainability Program
- CalRecycle enforcement

RECYCLING ACROSS CALIFORNIA

- **10 recycling facilities**
- More than **220 permanent collection sites**
- **All 58 counties** have access
- **95% of Californians live within 15 miles** of the collection network
- Retailer Take Back



MRC AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Service through 10 permanent collection sites

- Palo Verde Disposal (CR&R Operated)
- Burrtec Waste Industries – Coachella Valley Transfer Station
- Edom Hill Transfer Station
- Dobbs T.V. & Appliance Warehouse
- Lamb Canyon Landfill
- CR&R – Perris Recycling and Transfer
- Moreno Valley Waste Management Transfer Station
- Badlands Landfill
- Burrtec–Agua Mansa MRF (Robert A Nelson Facility)
- MBC Mattress Company



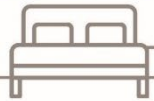
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A MATTRESS IS RECYCLED?

Mattresses are **CUT OPEN**



& THE LAYERS are separated

Interior materials are **ORGANIZED** by type

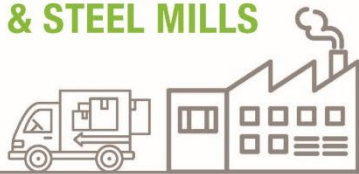


Foam, fiber and other soft commodities are **COMPRESSED**

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



Then sold to foundries & **STEEL MILLS**



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

Why Recycle?

Conservation of resources by using **OLD STEEL, FOAM, WOOD** & other materials to create

NEW PRODUCTS



Less reliance on

LANDFILLS

by diverting mattresses from **THE WASTE STREAM**

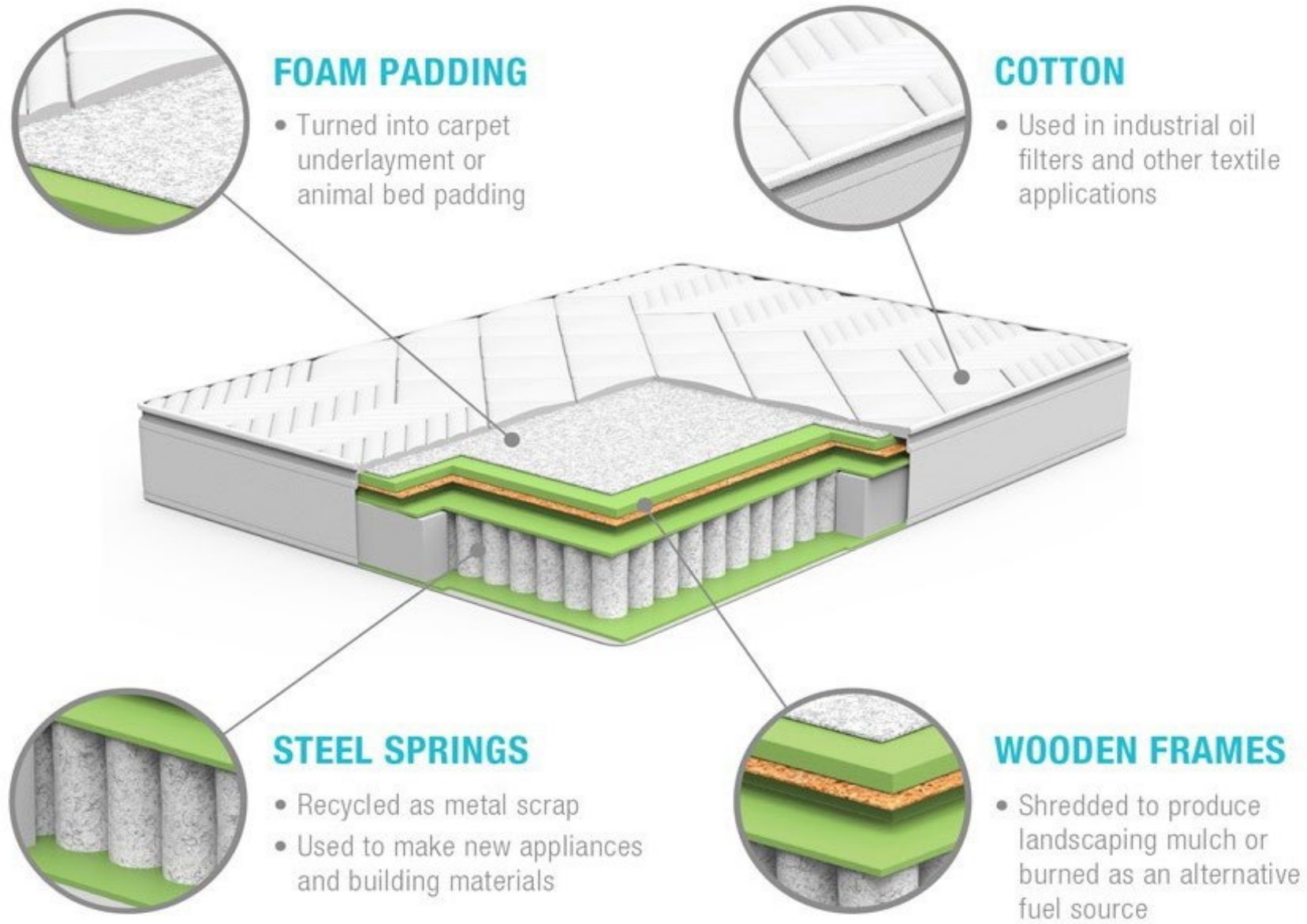


CREATING RECYCLING JOBS

Reducing the number of **ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESSES**



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MATERIALS?



COMBATING ILLEGAL DUMPING

- Statewide data collection effort - Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI)
- Working with communities to address hot spots and fund special projects
- Sponsoring a public service announcement and providing free residential education about proper mattress disposal
- Participating in local and state task forces and facilitating discussions to develop potential new interventions

COMMERCIAL VOLUME PROGRAM

- Voluntary expansion to retailers, hotels, universities, hospitals and others
- **No-cost transportation provided** for 100+ units
- **Over 100 locations** accept commercial volume for free. Unit limits may apply.





RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Increasing Efficiency

Investing in studies to identify best practices

Improving Recyclability

Awarding funding for infrastructure improvements

Expanding End Markets

Searching for new uses for component material

Mattress Collection Facilities Improvement Funding

MRC is awarding up to \$10,000 per collection site for equipment and infrastructure improvements that will better protect discarded mattresses and box springs to increase their recyclability or achieve other efficiencies such as lowering costs and improving safety. Previous funding cycles supported the construction of weather coverings and cement pads to protect mattress integrity, mobile loading ramps to help with transportation and storage, and additional storage space to house and protect mattresses.

BYEBYEMATTRESS.COM

- Recycling Locator
- Bulky Item Directory
- Retailer Take Back information
- Commercial Volume Program
- State program information

The screenshot displays the byebymattress.com website. At the top left is the logo "bye bye mattress" with the tagline "A Program of the Mattress Recycling Council". To the right is a language dropdown menu set to "English". A navigation bar contains links for "About Us", "Programs by State", "Why Recycle?", "FAQ", "Media Center", "Contact Us", and a prominent "Find a Location" button. Below the navigation is a "California" selection area with a map icon and a "Change State" dropdown. The main heading reads "Unwanted Mattress? You've got options!". Below this is a form labeled "Are you a:" with a dropdown menu currently set to "Household". To the right of the text is an illustration of a stack of four white mattresses. At the bottom of the page is a map of Southern California with numerous purple location pins indicating recycling centers. The map includes labels for cities like Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside, as well as various national forests and parks. A "CO" icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the map area.

FUTONS

As of Jan. 1, futon mattresses now eligible products.



RETAILER TAKE BACK

Retailers using common carriers no longer exempt beginning Jan. 1, 2021.



OUR IMPACT

**10 MILLION
mattresses
Recycled**

are enough to span from N
pole to S pole

**380
MILLION
pounds**

of material diverted
from landfills

**OVER 85%
of discards**

are diverted from landfills

SPEAK UP

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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