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As a long-time advocate for the environment, Tyler's decision to become part of the MRC team in 2018 was an easy one. Working in the solid waste industry since 2010, his experience includes focusing on implementing recycling programs and working with contractors to facilitate waste diversion. Tyler has played a major role in expanding MRC's Southern California recycling network and keeping recyclable material out of landfills. He also serves as the liaison between MRC and our contracted collection facilities, creating links that support the program's ongoing success. When he isn't focused on mattress recycling, Tyler enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends.

A black and white photograph of a worker wearing a hard hat and safety glasses, focused on disassembling a mattress. The worker is using a tool to cut through the internal layers. The background shows stacks of mattresses.

# California Mattress Recycling Program

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The logo for the Mattress Recycling Council, featuring three stylized, overlapping curved lines in shades of green and blue.

Mattress Recycling Council®



**bye bye mattress®**

A Program of the Mattress Recycling Council®

# 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 IN CALIFORNIA

- **10 recycling facilities**
- More than **200 permanent collection sites**
- **All 58 counties** have access
- **95% of Californians live within 15 miles** of the collection network
- Retailer Take Back



# BYEBYEMATTRESS.COM

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

The screenshot shows the website's main content area for California. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the logo and links for 'About Us', 'Programs by State', 'Why Recycle?', 'FAQs', 'Media Center', and 'Contact Us'. A 'Find a Location' button is also present. The main heading is 'Mattress Disposal in California', followed by a sub-heading: 'In the State of California, you have several options to dispose of an unwanted mattress. Select the option that works best for you.' Below this are three numbered options, each with an icon and a brief description:

- 1 Retailer Take Back:** When you buy a new mattress and are having it delivered, ask your retailer about taking your old one back. A note states: '\*Due to COVID-19 some may have suspended take back services.' A 'Learn More' button is below.
- 2 Recycle Your Mattress:** Mattresses are made of valuable components. Recycling puts these parts to good use and helps protect the environment. Buttons for 'Recycling for Households' and 'Recycling for Businesses' are below.
- 3 Bulky Item Pick Up:** Contact your local government to learn how curbside pick up of a bulky item works in your area. You may have free pickup.

The screenshot shows the 'Bye Bye Mattress Locator' interface. It features a search bar with 'Pasadena, CA, USA' entered. There are filters for 'Event', 'Locations', 'Collection Site', and 'Recycling Facility', all of which are currently set to 'ON'. A 'Find Nearest Drop Off' button is visible. Below the search bar, there are two event listings:

- Hilltop Church of Christ One-day HWY 5 Mattress Drop Off Event:** West Contra Costa Residents, Saturday, August 29, 2020
- Clean Tahoe Community Cleanup Day:** Saturday, September 12, 2020

To the right of the search bar is a map of California with numerous purple location pins indicating drop-off sites across the state.

# RECYCLING IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

- **1 recycling facility**
- **9 permanent collection sites**
- **3 cities** have access to bulky item pickup

## Bye Bye Mattress Locator

Event Locations  ON Collection Site  ON Recycling Facility  ON

Find a mattress collection site, recycling facility or collection event near you.

Basic Search Advanced Search

Riverside, CA, USA

Find Nearest Drop-Off

RECYCLING LOCATIONS (18)

**Burrtec - Agua Mansa MRF (Robert A Nelson Facility)**

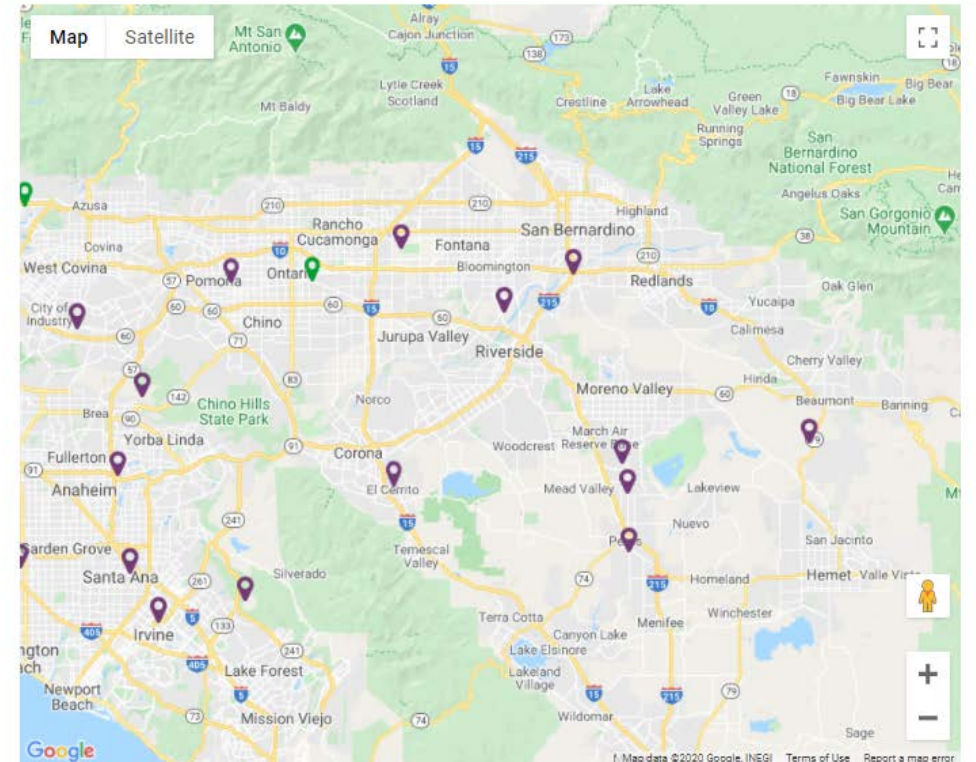
1830 Agua Mansa Road  
Riverside, CA 92509

**Colton Disposal Facility (CR&R)**

2059 East Steel Road  
Colton, CA 92324

**MBC Mattress Company**

19270 Envoy Ave.



# COMMERCIAL VOLUME PROGRAM

- Voluntary expansion to retailers, hotels, universities, hospitals and others
- **No-cost transportation provided** for 100+ units
- **57 locations** for small retailers; an **11% increase** over 2018





# COMBATING ILLEGAL DUMPING

- Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative
- Gathering community input through workshops
- PSA campaign has reached over 3 million impressions
- White paper underway

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Proactively monitoring access in these areas
- Coordinating with CalEPA Environmental Justice Task Force
- Working with local officials, nonprofits and other groups to expand access

You can recycle your old mattress for free.  
Stop illegal dumping.

Don't dump your old mattress. Not only is it illegal, but it will end up in a landfill when it could be so much more. On the other hand, recycling the mattress and box spring lets the steel, foam, fiber and wood become new products. Like steel parts, filters, carpet padding and even mulch for your garden. Find out about your FREE recycling options at [ByeByeMattress.com](http://ByeByeMattress.com).



Learn more about the benefits of mattress recycling, visit

Where should we host  
Mattress Collection Events?

Event Locations  
Port Park  
Community Center  
358 - Steppelle  
House

# OUR IMPACT

**5 MILLION  
mattresses**

makes a round trip from  
California to Hawaii










**168  
MILLION  
pounds**

of material diverted  
from landfills

**OVER 83%  
of discards**

are diverted from landfills

# CALIFORNIA Program Growth

|   |  2016 |  2017 |  2018 |  2019 |
|---|--|--|--|--|
|  Units Collected                   | 955,059  | 1,286,757  | 1,430,363  | 1,448,284  |
|  Permanent Collection Locations    | 122  | 165  | 190  | 211  |
|  Collection Events                 | 50   | 74   | 97   | 153  |
|  Illegally Dumped Units Collected | 29,794   | 42,016   | 52,270   | 64,778   |
|  Counties Serviced               | 49   | 53   | 58   | 58   |

# NEXT STEPS

- **Tell a friend about [ByeByeMattress.com](http://ByeByeMattress.com)**
- **Follow and like @ByeByeMattress** – We're on Facebook and Twitter
- **Share or use our content in your community news** – Grab it from our social feeds or [ByeByeMattress.com/media-center](http://ByeByeMattress.com/media-center)
- **Let us know if a retailer isn't charging the fee or taking back a mattress** – [info@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](mailto:info@mattressrecyclingcouncil.org)

# THANK YOU

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[ByeByeMattress.com](http://ByeByeMattress.com)

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