



# CALIFORNIA ILLEGALLY DUMPED MATTRESS COLLECTION INITIATIVE

## Overview

Each year, the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) allocates \$1 million to fund the California Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI). The maximum payout per unit is \$15 (urban) and \$20 (rural). Registration and monthly reporting is required. Participants may enroll at any time and also recycle the units with MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program at no-cost.

## Participant Eligibility

Eligible entities must be collecting illegally dumped mattresses and box springs from the public right-of-way. Eligible entities include:

- Authorized solid waste operations
- Permitted solid waste facilities
- Urban and rural government entities
- Nonprofit organizations

See the reverse side for how we work with third-parties that are collecting on behalf of an eligible entity.

## Eligible and Ineligible Items

Mattresses and box springs illegally abandoned in the public right-of-way by California residents are eligible for IDMCI compensation. Units may be recycled through MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program. However, if a unit is too damaged or contaminated for recycling, it is still accepted for compensation through IDMCI.

*The following items are not eligible for IDMCI or recycling services:*

- Mattress pads or toppers
- Sleeping bags
- Car beds
- Water beds or camping air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futon frames or bases
- Furniture
- Juvenile products such as carriages, baskets, cribs, bassinets, dressing tables, strollers and playpens or their pads
- Infant carriers, lounge pads or crib bumpers

## Reporting Obligations

Participants must report the number of units collected each month and maintain the following documentation about each mattress or box spring:

- The date the unit was collected
- The zip code it was collected from
- The end-of-life management of the unit (recycled, landfill, etc.)

MRC requires participants submit data within 45 days of the end of the reporting month.

California's Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act created the Mattress Recycling Council and the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative.

This initiative is made possible by the recycling fee that is required to be collected when mattresses and box springs are sold.

Ask us how to enroll and how to receive no-cost recycling of these units with MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program.

## How to Sign Up

- Registration is available on Re-TRAC. <https://connect.re-trac.com/registration/mrc-idp>
- Your registration will be reviewed and approved by MRC within two business days.



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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Why was this program created?

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) developed the Illegally Dumped Mattress Collection Initiative (IDMCI) to understand the extent of illegal mattress dumping by collecting community specific data. MRC uses this data to track dumping activities and develop solutions.

### Who is eligible to receive payments from the IDMCI?

Authorized solid waste operations, permitted solid waste facilities, urban and rural government entities and nonprofits providing illegal dumping clean up projects on behalf of these entities are eligible to receive payments.

### My municipality uses a franchised hauler(s) to collect illegally dumped mattresses. Are we eligible to receive compensation?

Yes, but only ONE entity may receive payment. If your municipality has an arrangement with a franchise hauler to pick up illegally dumped units on behalf of the municipality, then your franchise hauler must provide documentation of the illegally dumped units collected.

### My organization is a nonprofit that is contracted with public entities to perform clean up duties in the public right-of-way. Is our nonprofit eligible to be reimbursed for any mattresses and box springs we collect and track?

Yes.

### Do I have to be a contracted MRC collection location to receive compensation from the IDMCI?

No, but to be eligible for compensation, you must register with IDMCI and submit monthly reports. MRC requires participants input their data into Re-TRAC within 45 days of the end of the reporting month. Annual payments will be dispersed in the spring of the following year.

### Are mattresses and box springs both eligible items that qualify for compensation?

Yes. Units that meet MRC quality guidelines outlined in your contract are also eligible for no-cost recycling with MRC's Bye Bye Mattress program.

### How much will I be compensated for collecting illegally dumped units?

For the calendar year 2021, MRC has allocated \$1 million to the IDMCI. MRC will pay participants in urban areas up to \$15.00 per unit and rural county participants up to \$20.00 per unit.

Amount per unit is calculated at the close of the calendar year by dividing the total funded amount by the number of illegally dumped units collected during the calendar year.

### How do I know if my county qualifies as rural?

MRC follows [Public Resources Code 40183-4 rev. 2008](#) that defines a rural county as one that disposes of less than 200,000 tons of waste annually. CalRecycle publishes a [list](#) annually.

### When will MRC allocate payments from the IDMCI?

MRC will reimburse participants on an annual basis. Payments are made in the spring of the following year.

### Our organization is a participating MRC collection location. Can we put illegally dumped units we collect in our collection container?

Yes, you may place the illegally dumped units in your container as long as they meet the MRC quality guidelines outlined in your contract.

### Can I just provide MRC with the total number of units at the end of the year for illegally dumped mattresses and box springs collected?

No. MRC requires participants input their data into Re-TRAC within 45 days of the end of the reporting month.

### Can I receive reimbursement for illegally dumped mattresses that must be landfilled due to the quality of the units?

Yes. Units that are excessively wet, dirty or damaged are not suitable for recycling. Units that meet MRC quality guidelines outlined in your contract are eligible for recycling.

### Where can I register as a collector?

<https://connect.re-trac.com/registration/mrc-idp>



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