

A black and white photograph of a person wearing a face mask and safety glasses, working on a mattress in a recycling facility. The person is using a tool to cut or separate the mattress layers. The background shows stacks of mattresses. A green rectangular frame is overlaid on the left side of the image, and a white horizontal line is positioned below the text.

Mattress Recycling Council

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WHO WE ARE



International Sleep Products Association

Trade association for the mattress industry



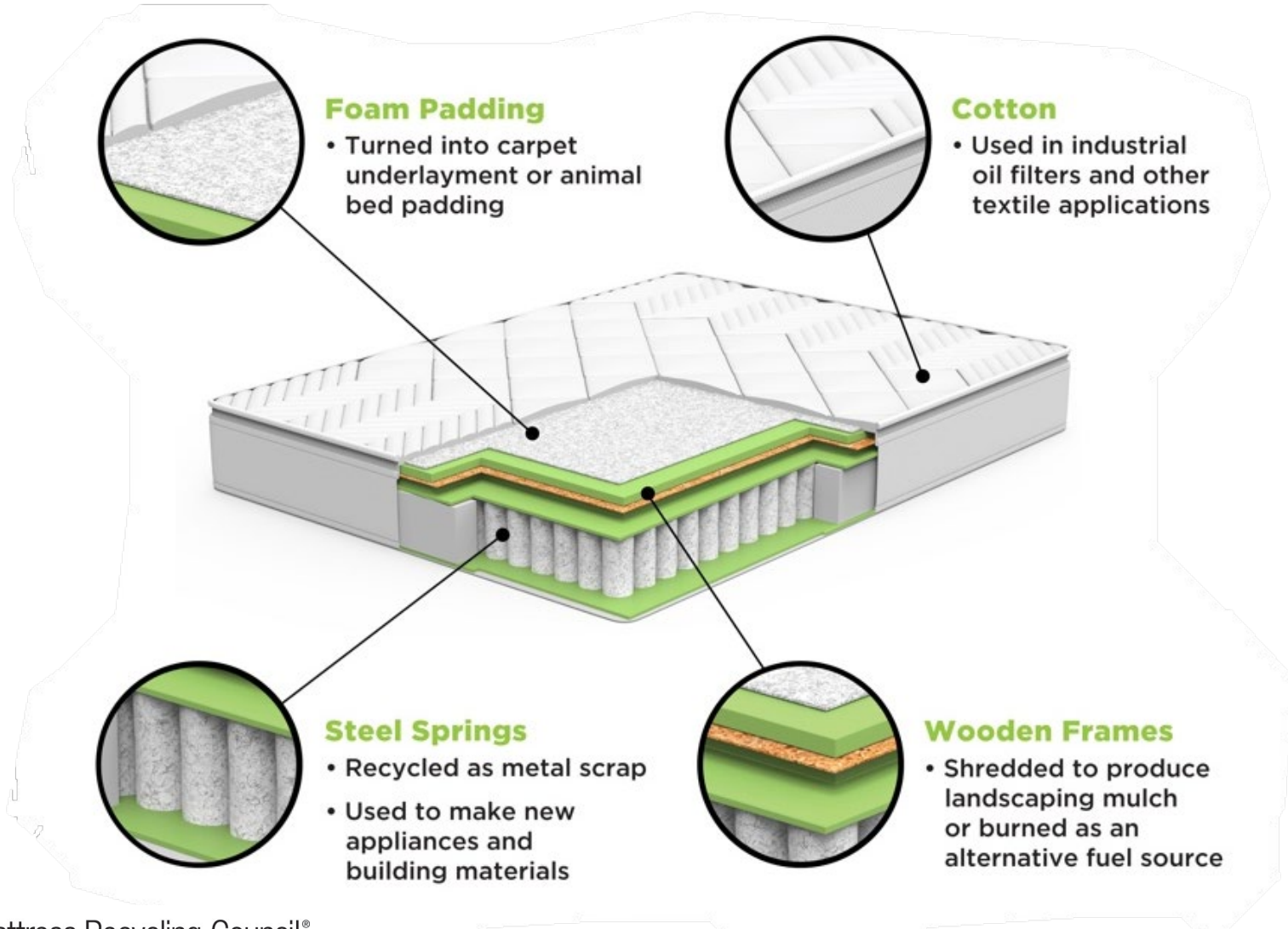
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The nonprofit ISPA created in 2013 to develop and implement recycling programs in states that enact mattress recycling laws



We lead the way in mattress recycling. MRC is diverting valuable material from landfill, creating green jobs and working with nonprofits, reducing illegal dumping and investing in research.

WHAT HAPPENS TO RECYCLED MATERIALS?



RECYCLING CHALLENGES

- Used mattress is bulky and durable
- Recycled materials have low/volatile value
- Scrap revenue insufficient to fund collecting/dismantling mattresses
- Competition from tipping fees restricts processing revenue

MRC STATES



Connecticut
May 2015



California
Dec. 2015



Rhode Island
May 2016

PROGRAM BASICS: INDUSTRY OBLIGATIONS



- Administer statewide mattress recycling program (subject to State oversight)
 - Provide for collection or receipt of mattresses
- Fund program with Visible Fee collected at retail
- Administer education and outreach program



COLLECTION NETWORK

- MRC uses existing collection methods
 - Solid waste companies collect units curbside and MRC transports them to a recycler
 - Retailer picks up old unit after delivering new mattress and transports to recycler
- Other options
 - Consumer drop off at designated location
 - Community collection events
 - Large volume user (hotels, dorms, etc.) delivers discarded units directly to MRC recycler

CONNECTICUT



Collected
over

900,000 units



97% of residents have
access to the program

QUICK FACTS

Launched: May 2015

Recycling Fee: \$11.75

Recycling Facilities: 2

Permanent Sites: 130+



RHODE ISLAND



Collected
over

400,000 units



Nearly all towns
participate in the program

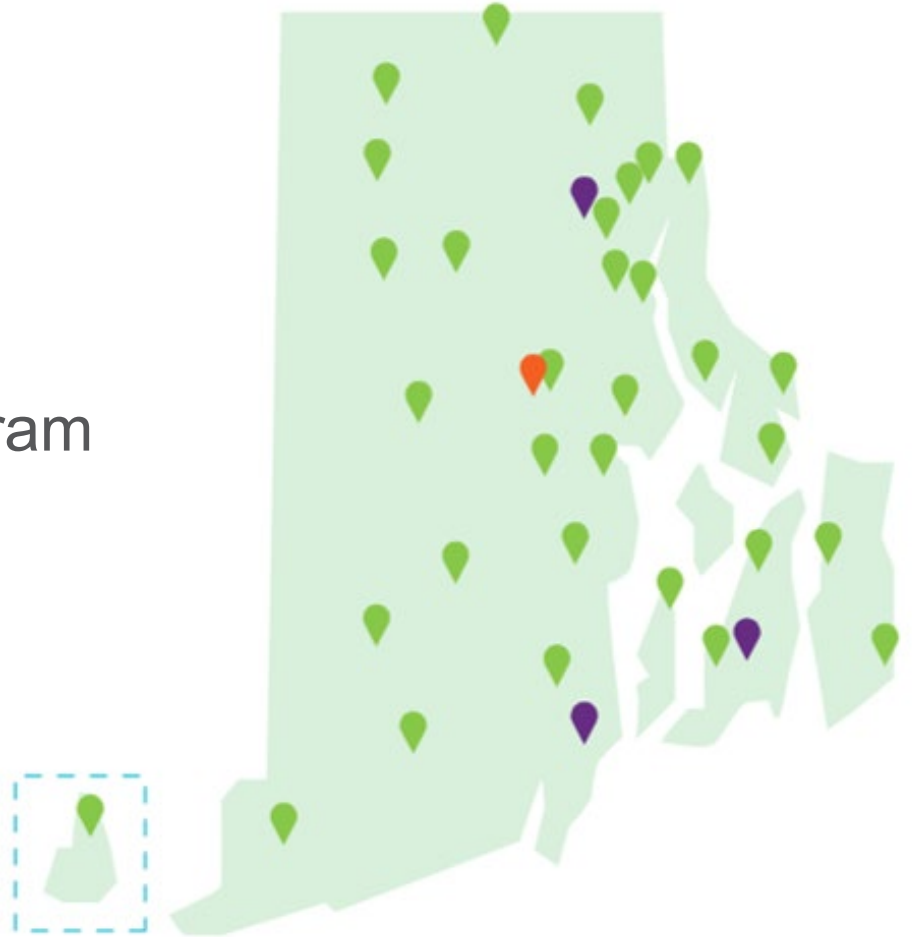
QUICK FACTS

Launched: May 2016

Recycling Fee: \$16.00

Recycling Facilities: 3

Permanent Sites: 38



CALIFORNIA



Collected
over

7 million units



95% of Californians live
within 15 miles of the
collection network

QUICK FACTS

Launched:	Dec. 30, 2015
Recycling Fee:	\$10.50
Recycling Facilities:	10 locations
Permanent Sites:	200+



OUR IMPACT

**8 MILLION
mattresses
recycled**

makes a round trip from
California to Rhode Island

**300
MILLION
pounds**

of material diverted
from landfills

**9.8
MILLION
cubic yards**

of landfill space saved

LEGISLATIVE AND STAKEHOLDER INTEREST

- Legislation
 - Massachusetts
 - Minnesota
 - Maryland
 - Oregon
 - Maine (Pilot)
- Stakeholder Interest
 - New York
 - Washington, DC
 - Maryland/Virginia

MASS DEP WASTE BAN REGULATIONS

- Amendments to Waste Ban Regulations
 - Ban mattresses from disposal, incineration or transfer for disposal at a solid waste disposal facility
 - Effective October 1, 2021
- ISPA Concerns
 - MA lacks recycling capacity to process estimated 600,00 mattresses discarded annually
 - Landfill ban will increase disposal costs for MA residents, businesses and municipalities
 - Will incentivize disposing of MA mattresses at no cost in CT and RI, bankrupting successful mattress recycling programs

THANK YOU

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