

They're big.

They're bulky.

And Californians buy about four million new mattresses and foundations every year.

Too often, many of the old mattresses used to wind up here.

Illegally dumped in our communities - costing California taxpayers millions a year for cleanup.

**“Mattresses are not easy to handle. Historically, the lack of convenient affordable options led to a lot of illegal dumping.”**

And a lot of trash. since mattresses don't condense well, they take up a lot of landfill space.

**“And it's a big waste of resources because mattresses are made from materials that are highly recyclable. Materials like steel, foam, wood.”**

In 2014, California passed an extended producer responsibility law that took the burden of collecting and landfilling used mattresses off local governments, instead requiring the mattress industry to collect and recycle them.

the “used mattress recovery and recycling act” requires mattress manufacturers, renovators and retailers to form a stewardship organization to develop and run a statewide recycling program.

**“The program must have elements to reduce illegal dumping, increase recycling, and reduce public costs of managing old mattresses”>**

Through a ten-dollar and fifty cent recycling fee on each new mattress...

**2:45-2:55 they pass that money along to the non-profit stewardship organization called Mattress Recycling Council.”**

The stewardship organization operates the recycling program.

- Educating consumers.

**Take a look at [ByeByeMattress.com](http://ByeByeMattress.com) to learn how and where to recycle your old mattress.**

- Expanding convenient collection options

**“Retailers are required to pick up your old mattress when you have a new mattress delivered the program also has drop-off options. 99% of Californians now have a free mattress collection option within 15 miles of their home.”**

- Combatting illegal dumping.

“This has helped California communities remove more than 332,000 improperly disposed mattresses.”

And transforming an old problem into new products like carpet padding, oil filters, appliances, building materials and mulch for landscaping.

“8.5 million mattresses have been recycled since 2016.”

Supporting California’s move to a more circular, remanufacturing economy with less trash pollution and more green jobs.