

Californians buy about 4 million new mattresses and foundations every year.

Too often many of the old mattresses would end up illegally dumped in our communities costing California taxpayers millions of dollars a year for cleanup

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

California passed an extended producer responsibility law in 2013 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 contains elements to reduce illegal dumping, increase recycling and to reduce the public cost of managing old mattresses.” //

“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.”

Through a consumer recycling fee on each new mattress, the stewardship organization ‘mattress recycling council’ operates the recycling program by educating consumers, expanding convenient collection options and turning an old problem into new products.

“You can take a look at bye-byemattress.com to learn how and where to recycle your old mattress” //

400 million pounds of mattress materials have been reused and recycled

Supporting California’s move to a circular re-manufacturing economy with less trash and more green jobs.