CT Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting

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What is the Mattress Recycling Council?

- Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) was created by International Sleep Products Association (ISPA), the trade association for the mattress industry.
- Non-profit organization tasked with implementing mattress recycling laws in states with supporting legislation.
CT Mattress Stewardship Law

• Public Act 13-42 requires the mattress industry to create a recycling program for mattresses and box-springs used and discarded in CT.

• CT Mattress Stewardship Plan approved by DEEP with program start date of May 1, 2015.

• The approved plan is a blueprint for program implementation.

• Annual Report required October 15th
CT Mattress Program Annual Report

Reporting Period:
May 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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Posted:
www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org (Connecticut section)
150,000 Mattresses delivered to recyclers for processing from 235 collection sites.

If each of the recycled units were placed end to end, those mattresses would span the entire state of Connecticut, that’s 100 miles!
Program Goals & Accomplishments

Municipalities:
90,000 Units Collected from Municipal Collection Sites

101 municipal transfer stations (representing 111 Connecticut communities) have signed up to participate in the Program (exceeding MRC’s two-year goal to sign up 88 transfer stations).

MRC’s Free Drop-Off Points as of June 30

MRC continues to bring new municipalities and other entities into the program.

Legend
- Collection Site
- Recycling Facility
Program Goals & Accomplishments

Retailers:
Twenty-two (22) retailers participate in the recycling program.
Lodging Facilities:
Fifteen (15) lodging facilities participate in the program

MRC has informed the Connecticut lodging industry about the Program and has recycled approximately 6,300 discarded units generated by these establishments (exceeding MRC’s two-year goal of contacting 70% of the lodging establishments and recycling 5,000 units from this sector)
Educational Facilities:
Approximately 5,000 units have been collected from CT Educational Facilities

MRC has contacted all Connecticut educational facilities and 16 are participating in the Program (exceeding MRC’s two-year goal of serving 15 of these facilities)
Program Goals & Accomplishments

Healthcare Facilities:

Military Facility:

Volume Reduction Facilities:

The program has collected approximately 16000 units from Volume Reduction Facilities.
Other Participants:
Approximately 5200 units have been collected from other CT entities

The Program is actively serving 35 other Connecticut entities in recycling discarded units that they collect or generate.
Recycled Materials

Foam: 377 Tons

Quilting: 302 Tons

Cotton: 133 Tons

Steel: 1464 Tons

Wood: 398 Tons

Other: 130 Tons

During its first 14 months of operation, the Program has recycled over 2,800 tons of steel, foam and other materials.
Education & Outreach

- Bye Bye Mattress
- Consumer Education Materials
- Public Service Announcements (PSA)
- Collection Site Outreach
ByeByeMattress.com
Consumer Education Materials
Public Service Announcements

- Radio
- Print
- Outdoor
Collection Site Outreach
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