



# **Woonsocket Mattress Recycling Program COLLECTION GUIDELINES**

City of Woonsocket  
Department of Public Works  
Solid Waste Division

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www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org



Customer Service: 1-800-972-4545

Assigned Recycler:  
Express Mattress  
310 Bourne Ave  
Rumford, RI 02916  
Phone: 401-663-0174

## About the Mattress Recycling Council

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry to develop and operate the Rhode Island mattress recycling program. MRC submitted an implementation plan to Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) on July 1, 2015. The plan was approved on January 13, 2016. The Rhode Island mattress recycling program will begin on May 1, 2016.

MRC has contracted with service providers to transport mattresses for recycling to collection sites throughout the state. This Program is funded by recycling fees collected when Rhode Island consumers buy a mattress or box spring (aka foundations). For simplicity, we will refer to both mattresses and box springs as just mattresses. These Guidelines describe the Program and what you need to do to participate. These Guidelines may also be subject to change.

## Public Law

In 2013, Rhode Island enacted Code 23. 90, later amended in 2015, which requires mattress manufacturers to create a recycling program for mattresses discarded in the state. The mattress industry created MRC to fulfill these requirements.

## What MRC Provides

The MRC program will provide the following to participating municipalities:

- A collection container to store mattresses that is appropriate for the number of mattresses that the collection site expects to generate and the site's available space.
- Transportation from the municipal collection site to a contracted recycler
- No cost mattress recycling services

## What the City Provides

-The Woonsocket Recycle Facility collection site (943 River Street) will not charge for acceptable mattresses that are dropped off at its site and recycled through the Program. FREE DROP OFF.

-This program is open to all Woonsocket property owners/tenants (regardless of the amount of units on the property) and is for Woonsocket residents ONLY.

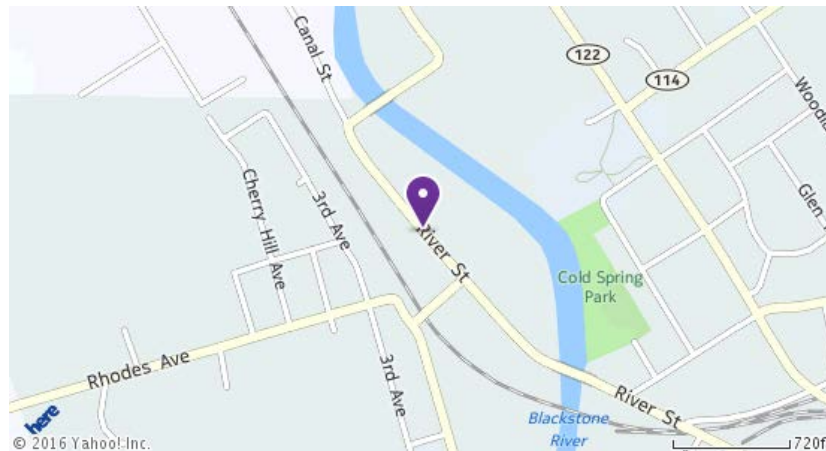
-A premium curbside collection service has been negotiated for all Woonsocket property owners/residents with Waste Management of Rhode Island. The charge for this service is \$20.00 per piece. Property owners/tenants can call Waste Management directly; pay over the phone and schedule a pick up. The acceptable mattresses cannot be placed out for collections until the night before the scheduled day.

***The City and Waste Management  
reserve the right  
to reject any mattress(es)  
deemed unacceptable.***

## What is expected of the Woonsocket resident.....

- Provide unwanted mattresses that are suitable for recycling.
  - Not excessively wet or frozen
  - Not severely twisted, punctured or crushed
  - Not infested with bed bugs or other living organisms
  - Not exceptionally soiled or moldy
  - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, All mattresses/box springs must arrive uncovered to our recycling facility. Bring a plastic covering with you which you will be required to apply to the item (s) after passing inspection. No more than three (3) mattresses or box springs can be brought per visit. This service is for City residents only and ID's will be checked.
  
- Mattresses that are not suitable for recycling must be properly disposed of at the **residents cost** .
  - Companies that will accept non-recyclable mattress are:
    - Waste Management of RI, Cranston (pick up only)- telephone: 1-800-972-4545
    - Link Environmental, Canal St, North Smithfield (drop off only) - telephone: 401-597-0991
  
- Call, process payment and schedule a collection with Waste Management of RI
  - Curbside collection fee is \$20.00 per piece (subject to change).
  - Rejected pieces are subject to an additional charge of \$50.00 per piece plus a return collection visit cost of \$20.00 per piece. These fees must be pre-paid before collection of the mattresses.
  
- Have the mattresses out by 7am on the day of the scheduled collection
  - Mattresses can only be placed out for collection on the evening prior to the scheduled collection.
  - Mattresses placed out without a scheduled collection appointment or before the evening prior to the scheduled collection will be considered illegally disposed of and subject to fines/penalized as set for by the City of Woonsocket Code of Ordinances.
  - Failure to place mattress(es) out in time for a scheduled collection will result in a return visit fee of \$20.00 per piece.

Location of the Woonsocket Recycle Facility



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943 River Street  
M-F 7am - 3:15pm  
Sat 8am - 11:45am

## What is expected by Woonsocket residents.....

# ACCEPTABLE

Only mattresses used and discarded in Rhode Island can be accepted by the Program. Below are pictures of mattresses that are acceptable by the program.



Resident must properly dispose of unacceptable items at their sole expense.

## UNACCEPTABLE

- Severely damaged, twisted, wet, frozen or soiled mattresses
- Mattresses infested with bed bugs or other living organisms
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows and cushions
- Loose bedding, blankets or sheets
- Car beds
- Juvenile products, i.e., a carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, or crib bumper
- Water beds
- Camping air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and furniture
- Loose mattress pads and toppers

