

## NOTICE

### CONNECTICUT MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PLAN

On December 31, 2014 the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) approved the Connecticut Mattress Stewardship Plan developed by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), a non-profit organization created by the mattress industry to develop and manage the statewide mattress recycling program established by Public Act 13-42. This makes Connecticut the first state to work with MRC to implement a statewide mattress recycling program.

The approved plan requires that retailers add a \$9 recycling fee to each new or renovated mattress and box spring sold to Connecticut consumers. Consumers will begin to see this fee as a separate line item on their receipt beginning on May 1. Retailers and other businesses selling mattresses will remit the fees to MRC. The fees will pay for contractors that will collect and recycle the mattresses.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### **How can Town of Canton residents recycle a mattress?**

Residents will continue to dispose of mattresses through traditional methods such as retailer take back when a new mattress is delivered. These mattresses, which may have previously gone to a landfill or waste-to-energy facility, can now be recycled. Residents may also drop off program accepted mattresses and box springs at the town transfer station recycling facility beginning May 1, 2015 at no charge.

##### **What types of mattresses will the program accept for recycling?**

The program will accept mattresses and box springs discarded by Canton residents except for the following items:

- Severely damaged, wet, twisted, frozen or soiled mattresses or box springs
- Mattresses or box springs infested with bed bugs
- Mattress pads or toppers
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Car beds
- Juvenile products (i.e., carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, or crib bumpers)
- Crib and bassinet mattresses
- Water beds or camping air mattresses
- Fold-out sofa beds
- Futons and furniture

Mattresses, box springs and other items that are not program accepted will still require a disposal fee (see fee schedule).

[http://www.townofcantonct.org/filestorage/19342/Transfer\\_Station\\_Policy\\_Summary-2015.pdf](http://www.townofcantonct.org/filestorage/19342/Transfer_Station_Policy_Summary-2015.pdf)