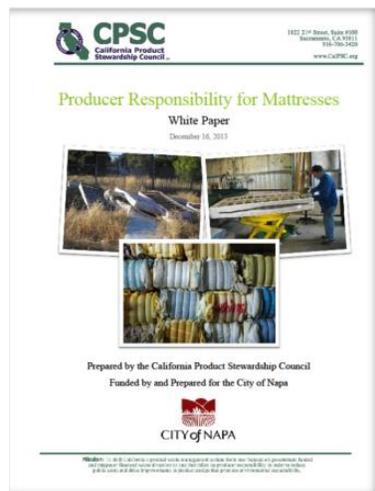


Fact Sheet: Producer Responsibility for Mattresses White Paper (MWP)

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What People Are Saying About It!

- *“This is fantastic! A topic that has been very underserved in the past.”* – Keith Barker, Editor, Recycling Product News
- *“I like your white paper and am very happy to see that our research is finding its way into the policy process. Thanks for all your hard and good work!”* – Dr. Roland Geyer, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, UC Santa Barbara
- *“GREAT Paper!!!”* – Dana W. Booth, Program Manager – Stormwater Quality, Sacramento County Department of Water Resources

Purpose

- Reviews the history and existing infrastructure for mattress end-of-life management in California, the status of mattress producer responsibility in the United States, and the likely outcomes of mattress producer responsibility with the adoption of SB 254 in California and similar legislation adopted in other states.
- Lists opportunities for Napa to maximize rebuilding and recycling and ensure the new mattress recycling program works for the City.
- Provides a resource for policy makers to use.

Key Content

- Background information regarding processes on rebuilding and recycle mattresses compiled from interviews of waste management professionals and mattress recycling and rebuilding companies' staff. Consolidation and analysis of information from diverse sources including reports, case studies, and presentations from: the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle), International Sleep Products Association (ISPA), California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).
- Description of mattress legislation passed in 3 states during 2013, including a discussion of the implications of SB 254 in California and recommendations for cleanup legislation.
- Conclusions and opportunities for City of Napa policy makers and others to consider.
- Graphics include: pictures of mattress processing and mattress labeling, company spotlights; tables illustrating amounts/costs of illegally dumped mattresses, used mattress processing terminology, bed bug infestations, contact information, recycling fees for California mattress recyclers and rebuilders; a comparison of the key elements of the California, Rhode Island and Connecticut mattress legislation passed; and a timeline of legislative deadlines for SB 254.

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- Mattress legislation comparison table provided by the Product Stewardship Institute.

For More Information

- Download the full MWP at <http://www.calpsc.org/products/mattresses>
- Contact info@CalPSC.org