



Implementation of Connecticut's Mattress Stewardship Law

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Event / Location : Mattress Stewardship Working Group



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Purpose of the Working Group

- To provide technical assistance and advice to the mattress recycling council and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in the development of the mattress stewardship program. This program will be described in the plan submitted by the mattress recycling council for approval by the department.



Overview of the Mattress Stewardship Law

What is a mattress?

“means any resilient material or combination of materials that is enclosed by ticking, used alone or in combination with other products, and that is intended for or promoted for sleeping upon”

Includes foundation (box spring)

Does not include – water beds and air mattresses, furniture that does not otherwise contain a detachable mattress



Overview of the Mattress Stewardship Law

What is a covered entity?

- Political subdivisions of the state (state hospitals, group homes, prisons)
- Mattress retailers
- Transfer stations and Waste to Energy facilities
- Commercial or non-profit lodging establishment
- Health Care facilities
- Educational facilities
- Correctional facilities
- Military base



Overview of the Mattress Stewardship Law

Plan Submission

- Requires mattress manufacturers to form a council and submit a plan for the collection of discarded mattresses by July 1, 2014
- DEEP will review and approve the plan. DEEP has 90 days for initial review.
- If approved the council has 120 days to implement. (Feb. 2015)
- If initial plan is denied, the council has 45 days to resubmit and DEEP has 45 days to review.
- If a revised plan is approved, the council has 180 days to implement. (about July 2015)



Contents of the Plan

The plan shall describe a program that
“to the extent it is technologically feasible
and economically practical” ...



Contents of the Plan

Minimize public sector involvement
in the management of discarded
mattresses



Contents of the Plan

Provide for free, convenient and accessible statewide opportunities for the receipt of discarded mattresses from:

- covered entities with more than 50 mattresses
- Municipal transfer stations with more than 30 mattresses
- Municipal transfer stations with fewer than 30 if restricted by permit conditions



Contents of the Plan

- Provide for council financed end of life management of discarded mattresses
- Provide suitable storage containers at municipal transfer stations at no cost to municipality – municipality may not charge resident to drop off a mattress
- Include a mattress stewardship fee sufficient to cover cost of operating and administering the program
- Financial incentive to consumer



Plan Requirements

- Identify each producer participating in the program
- Describe the fee structure
- Establish performance goals for the first two years of the program
- Identify proposed facilities to be used by the program
- Detail how the program will promote recycling
- Description of public education program



Focus for Today's Discussion

- Collection System
 - Municipal
 - Retail
 - Other covered entities
- Standards for Recycling/Refurbishment



Additional Information

- Next scheduled meeting - October 28, 2013
- Mattress Stewardship Public Act
- DEEP Mattress Stewardship Page including working group
- Tom Metzner – DEEP contact – (860) 424-3242

