

Environmentally Sound Mattress Management Workshop
Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.
Hotel Northampton, Northampton, Massachusetts
April 17, 2012

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8:45: **Registration & Beverages**

9:00: **Welcoming Remarks** ~ Sarah Kite, [Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation](#), President, NERC Board of Directors

9:15: **Mattress Manufacturing Industry** ~ Karin Mahoney, Director of Communications, [International Sleep Products Association](#) (ISPA) (invited)

9:45: **Mattress Reuse & Recycling Options & Impact on Job Creation** ~ Terry McDonald, [St Vincent de Paul Society](#) (invited)

10:30: Networking Break

10:45: **Components & Benefits of a Mattress Management Plan**

11:45: **Impact of Bed Bugs & Pesticide Treatment on Mattress Handlers** ~ Dr. Gale Ridge, Assistant Scientist, [Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station](#)

12:15: **Lunch** (provided)

1:15– 2:15: **Steps for Calculating Costs of Mattress Disposal and Recycling**

2:15 – 4:30: **Concurrent Sessions**

Business & Institution Track

2:15 – 3:15: **Questions to Ask Mattress Management Companies**

3:15 – 4:15: **Networking Directly with Mattress Management Companies**

Government Track

2:15 – 3:15: **Steps for Developing a Mattress Management Plan**

3:15 – 4:15: **Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation for Mattress Management** ~ Marilyn Cruz-Aponte, Assistant to Director of Public Works, [City of Hartford, Connecticut](#); and Tom Metzner, Environmental Analyst, [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) (invited)

4:15: Closing Remarks & Adjourn

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Mattress Manufacturing Industry – This session will provide an overview of the U.S. mattress manufacturing industry; setting the context for the day's sessions.

Mattress Reuse & Recycling Options & Impact on Job Creation – An overview of available reuse and recycling options, size of industry sectors, existing mattress collection infrastructure, available material markets, and potential job creation opportunities.

Components & Benefits of a Mattress Management Plan – This session will offer a description of the different sections of a mattress management plan and the benefits of the plan for the private and public sectors.

Impact of Bed Bugs & Pesticide Treatment on Mattress Handlers ~ Learn the issues related to handling infected mattresses: how to detect the presence of bed bugs, methods and decision-making for eradicating them, and dangers of handling pesticide-treated mattresses.

Steps to Calculating the Costs of Mattress Disposal & Recycling – Placing a dollar value on the cost of mattress disposal and recycling for future decision-making is the focus for this session. Attendees will learn the steps involved in calculating and comparing these costs.

Business & Institution Track Sessions

Questions to Ask Mattress Management Companies – The key to getting the information you need in order to make the right decision about the company to work with will depend on the questions you ask them. This session will focus on developing that list of questions.

Networking Directly with Mattress Management Companies – This session will provide you with an opportunity to sit down and talk directly with each mattress management company present.

Government Track

Steps for Developing a Mattress Management Plan – Learn the steps government entities have used to develop a mattress management plan.

Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation for Mattress Management – Learn about the City of Hartford's approach to mattress management through EPR legislation and discuss the process with the people who are spearheading this issue.

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LODGING

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