



AB 2398 California Carpet Recovery Law was introduced because each year, roughly 6 billion pounds of carpet reaches landfills in the US. This accounts for almost 4% of total landfill space. Mission Recycling can provide a economical viable recycling option which will lower the cost of waste disposal. This effort will cut the cost of disposal while diverting large amounts of tonnage away from our landfills.

Retailers can bring old carpet directly to our facility, or Mission Recycling can supply your facility with a 40 yard bin for carpet to be loaded in. The carpet must be dry, free of debris, and tied off without using string or tape. Once the carpet arrives at our facility, it will be inspected and the type of carpet fiber will be identified and separated. The recycling effort on this is not free in the early stages of development of this program. There are costs involved, but the main goal is to save the client on trash disposal and to divert carpet from the waste stream.

It is not mandated that you cannot throw carpet in the trash, but Mission Recycling would like the opportunity to establish our facility, services, and knowledge to our clients about expanding their recycling efforts. Establishing a carpet recycling program will get you ahead of what is to be expected in the future.

Thank you,

**Mission Recycling**

## Carpet Facts

- The 1.3 billion pounds of old carpet presently going to California landfills comprises almost 4% of all waste disposed in the State. As most carpet is made from petroleum, recycling carpet not only reduces landfill disposal, it also saves oil.
- Recycling carpet in California also has the potential to eliminate over 9 million metric tons of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.
- Products made from carpet recycling include new carpet, carpet padding, a wide range of building products such as roof shingles, plastic lumber. High-energy fuel is another resource.
- Discarded carpet is becoming a multi-million dollar property liability. Landfill charges will likely double every 5 years or so now.
- Governor Schwarzenegger recently signed a California carpet recovery bill which established the nation's first comprehensive, industry-financed and supported mandatory carpet recycling program.
- Almost 60 percent of the carpet made in the US, including the carpeting found in office buildings, schools, and other commercial & institutional facilities, is made of nylon 6.
- Smaller amounts of commercial carpet are made of polyolefin (33.4 percent), polyester (6.8 percent), and wool (0.4 percent), or of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polypropylene, and other materials of insufficient value to support large-scale recycling.
- Face fiber accounts for one-third to one-half the weight of carpet; the rest is backing, filler, and adhesives.
- Face fiber made of nylon 6 can be economically recycled back into the feedstock used to make face fiber.
- Nylon 6 can be economically "downcycled" into a less valuable material that is made into automobile parts and other plastic items.

We are conveniently located in Pomona to accept and process your old carpet and padding. You may bring your carpet directly to our facility in return you will receive a weight ticket with the registered weight of carpet delivered to be recycled for your records. In comparison, paying to take your old carpet to the landfill or paying a disposal company to pick up as trash, you will be saving 50 to 75 percent on your monthly waste bill with this program. We can also provide your facility with a 40 yd roll off bin for the pick up and removal of carpet. That's potentially saving over 50 percent off of a typical 40 yd bin trash charge.

Give us a call and let us help you get started.

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## Preparing Carpet for Recycling

Carpet must be dry,  
free of debris & tied-off  
without using tape or string.

### Step 1:



Cut Carpet in 5' Widths  
& Roll Yarn Side Up.

### Step 2:



Cut Strip of Carpet.

### Step 3:



Slice Two Openings into  
Carpet. Slide Strip into Slot.

### Step 4:



Tie-Off Carpet Strip.