

Why Recycle Carpet?

More than 360 million pounds of carpet are discarded in California landfills every year. AB 2398 is the California Carpet Stewardship law that supports the recycling of carpet into new products and materials. There is now a \$0.05 per square yard stewardship assessment on the purchase of all new carpet.

This assessment is to be used by the carpet recycling industry in California to support programs to make carpet recycling more available in your county.

Recycling carpet saves natural resources, conserves landfill space, reduces the dependency on fossil fuels, and can save you money. Recycling allows a product at the end of its useful life to become a new resource.

Carpet can be converted to fiber to make new carpet, carpet padding, erosion control products, and construction materials. The carpet fiber can also be converted into plastic pellets and used in automotive components, furniture parts, leach field products, and many more uses.

Carpet accepted for recycling at:

Buena Vista Landfill

1231 Buena Vista Drive
Watsonville, CA 95076
(831) 454-5154 or (831) 454-5153

Ben Lomond Transfer Station

9835 Newell Creek Road
Ben Lomond, CA 95005
(831) 336-3951

Resource Recovery Facility

605 Dimeo Lane
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 420-6270

All Locations Open Monday – Saturday
7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Closed Sundays, Thanksgiving,
Christmas and New Year's Day,
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Program operators:

County of Santa Cruz Public Works
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060 • (831) 454-2160

City of Santa Cruz Public Works
809 Center Street, Room 201
Santa Cruz, CA 95060 • (831) 420-5220



www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org
www.cityofsantacruz.com



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carpet or area rugs?**

THIS GUIDE IS FOR YOU!

**How-To Guide
for
Carpet Recycling
in
Santa Cruz County**

Carpet collection supported by:
Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE)
www.carpetrecovery.org



What To Do With Old Carpet?

This guide gives you the basics for preparing and delivering carpet for recycling.

1. Free of Debris

We accept all types of carpeting, carpet tiles, and area rugs for recycling with one exception. Floor covering with rubberized backing is not accepted. Make sure the carpet is clean, dry, and free of debris such as tack strips, nails, wood, other flooring material, or trash. Debris can damage the equipment used to process carpet.



2. Roll Up Carpet for Recycling

If necessary, cut the material into manageable sections for easier rolling and handling. Carpet tiles should be neatly stacked.

3. Roll Up Foam Pad

Separate pad from carpet before rolling. No rubber or fiber pad accepted.



4. Bring It To A Disposal Site

When you arrive at the Buena Vista, Dimeo Lane or Ben Lomond disposal site, you will check in at the Gate House. The Cashier will determine your fee based on adherence to these carpet recycling preparation guidelines.



5. Drop It Off

You will be directed to the carpet recycling area where you will unload your carpet and foam pad and stack rolls neatly in the carpet collection container.



6. Help Us Reach Our Goal

Our goal is zero carpet going into the landfill. Your incentive is a reduced fee which applies to acceptable carpet properly rolled and loaded in the carpet collection container. This container is provided by CARE as part of the Rural Counties Carpet Recycling Program. We thank you for helping us reach our goal by participating in our carpet recycling program.