



CARPET AMERICA RECOVERY EFFORTSM
Developing market-based solutions for the recycling and reuse of post-consumer carpet

POST-CONSUMER CARPET RECEIVING REQUIREMENTS

This guideline has been prepared by the Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) for use by anyone planning to recycle post-consumer carpet at a collection site.

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CARPET TYPES ACCEPTED

Carpets must meet the requirements below to be accepted for recycling.

- A. Collection sites will accept post-consumer broadloom carpet or carpet tiles.
 - a. No carpet cushion, padding, hard surface flooring, etc.
 - b. No carpet with rubberized backing.
- B. Carpet must be free of trash and debris (e.g. no tack strips, cutting blades, sharps, trash).
- C. Carpet must be dry.
- D. Carpets rolled, with fiber side out, cut in 6 foot widths, will be ideal for stacking.
- E. Carpet cannot be contaminated with:
 - a. Body Fluids
 - b. Chemical or pharmaceutical contaminants
 - c. Asbestos

DISPOSAL OF CARPET INTO TRUCK TRAILERS

- A. Notify the collection site personnel before discarding any carpet in any trailers.
 - a. The collection site personnel may keep the trailers locked and/or supervised.
- B. Place post-consumer carpet in trailers designated by collection sites for post-consumer carpet.
 - a. Trailers: Fully enclosed, front (end) loading
- C. Place only post-consumer broadloom carpet or carpet tiles in trailers.
 - a. Use effective packing techniques to maximize amount of material in containers, such as stacking back to front, balancing the load, and loading to the ceiling.
 - b. Stack carpet tiles neatly or pack in cardboard boxes prior to placing in container.
 - c. Comply with applicable codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations for weight limits.