

# If You're Tearing Out Old Carpet, Don't Throw It Away!



**California Carpet  
Stewardship Program**

An initiative of CARE: Carpet America Recovery Effort

Did you know carpet is a recyclable C&D material?

[CalRecycle.ca.gov/ConDemo/Materials](https://CalRecycle.ca.gov/ConDemo/Materials)

Flooring professionals are crucial to increasing the amount of carpet recycled in California. By recycling old wall-to-wall carpet and carpet tile, you are taking an essential step towards creating a more sustainable environment.

If you need more information about the over 150 CARE drop-off sites in California, check out our map at [CarpetRecovery.org/CA](https://CarpetRecovery.org/CA).

To recycle old carpet, it must be dry and debris-free, and carpet recycling containers should be filled for maximum volume and weight.

Broadloom carpet must be cut into manageable lengths and rolled for ease of stacking, with padding rolled separately. Carpet tiles must be stacked on a pallet, wrapped with plastic, and strapped for transport.

**Thank you for making California more sustainable!**