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1 Contact Information

CCR 18944(a)(1) Contact information. Identify the manufacturer or stewardship organization responsible for the annual report submittal.

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves as the designated Carpet Stewardship Organization (CSO) responsible for managing the California Carpet Stewardship Program (the Program) and submitting this annual report. Effective in 2026, CARE's Stewardship Planning Committee was reorganized as CARE California, LLC, to better align its legal structure with operational and regulatory needs.

CARE is responsible for implementing the Program in compliance with Carpet Stewardship Law and the approved five-year Carpet Stewardship Plan, with regulatory oversight by CalRecycle. The mission of CARE is to advance market-based solutions that increase landfill diversion and recycling of post-consumer carpet, encourage design for recyclability by carpet mills, and support manufacturers in using recycled materials in secondary products. For readability, this report uses CARE and the Program interchangeably to refer to the management and implementation of carpet stewardship activities in California.

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The Carpet Stewardship Program is open to all carpet mills that make, sell, or distribute carpet products and to distributors that import carpet into California from domestic or international sources. Appendix 11.1 includes a list of participating carpet mills (Manufacturers) for 2025 with their contact information. The [**Compliant Manufacturers List**](#) is updated at least quarterly by CARE and provided to CalRecycle for posting on the CalRecycle website.

2 Executive Summary

CCR 18944(a)(2) Executive Summary. *Provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the carpet stewardship plan, and anticipated steps, if needed, to improve performance.*

This executive summary chapter includes the following sections:

- 2.1. Introduction & Program Goals
- 2.2. Recycling Rate in 2025
- 2.3. Program Evaluation & Performance Improvements
- 2.4. Report Organization

2.1 Introduction & Program Goals

In 2025, the California Carpet Stewardship Program marked over 14 years of successful operation since its inception in July 2011. CARE continues to manage an effective and multifaceted system in a complex and volatile market environment. Through our commitment to innovation and operational excellence, CARE has built an integrated framework to collect, transport, reuse, recycle, and process post-consumer carpet (PCC), improving environmental outcomes and advancing a circular economy for carpet. CARE's reporting logistics, analysis, and operations are validated by a decade of clean, unmodified audit results. This Annual Report covers activities in 2025 under the Program's five-year [Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027](#), approved in April 2023.

This report presents progress in achieving performance goals to address requirements embodied in Assembly Bill 2398, AB 1158, AB 729, and AB 863 collectively known as California's **Carpet Stewardship Law**. The goals reflect updates made in CalRecycle's [Program Goals](#) Request for Approval (RFA) signed May 2022, included in the updated five-year Plan, and affirmed in CalRecycle's May 2025 triennial goal review. Note that the goals are ordered to align with the Plan and CalRecycle's Program Goals RFAs (2022 and 2025), as shown in Table 5-1. Section 5.1 describes the quantitative annual goals for 2025 and five-year Plan goals for 2027, along with additional CARE commitments, and Table 5-1 (page 28) summarizes progress in 2025.

- Achieve a **Recycling Rate** as specified for post-consumer carpet (goal 1).
- Achieve a **Recycling Efficiency Rate** as specified (goal 2).

- Achieve a **Collection Rate** as specified (goal 3).
- Increase **Collection Convenience** for the recycling of post-consumer carpet through **Public Access to Drop-off Sites** for counties and residents (goal 4).
- Increase **Flooring Professional Proximity** by ensuring sites that accept carpet from all flooring professionals (goal 5).
- Increase the **Reuse** of post-consumer carpet (goal 6).
- Increase the **Collection** of post-consumer carpet for recycling (goal 7).
- Reduce the **Disposal** of post-consumer carpet (goal 8).
- Increase **Processor Capacity**, including in California (goal 9).
- Increase the **Recyclability** of carpet (goal 10).
- Expand and incentivize **Markets** for products made from PCC (goal 11).
- Increase the weight of post-consumer carpet that is **recycled** (addressed in multiple goals, including goals 1, 2, 3, 7, and 10).

In addition to the 11 goals, CARE is committed to meeting the following requirements:

- Provide incentives or grants to state-approved apprenticeship programs for training apprentices and journey-level installers in proper carpet recycling practices.
- Structure grants and subsidies to incentivize the recycling of carpet materials that have the highest recyclability.
- Ensure that assessment fee funds shall not be expended on penalties or litigation against the state.
- Ensure that no subsidies are provided for Carpet As Alternative Fuel (CAAF), kiln fuel, or Waste-to-Energy (WTE).
- Evaluate market conditions to determine whether subsidy changes are needed.
- Spend at least 10% of the Education & Outreach budget on installer outreach.
- Evaluate landfill fee structures to incentivize use of Drop-off Sites.
- Conduct biennial PCC waste characterization studies of carpet recyclers.

2.2 Recycling Rate in 2025

In 2025, CARE achieved an **annual Recycling Rate of 37%**, meeting the annual goal set in the Plan. Section 5.2 provides more information on the Recycling Rate (goal 1) and its upward trend over time, and Table 5-2 shows the annual Recycling Rate.

The Recycling Rate for carpet met the 37% goal in 2025.

Recycling has grown for the past decade and has met annual goals since 2021, despite market challenges and a pandemic.

2.3 Program Evaluation & Performance Improvements

Table 2-1 presents key metrics to support evaluation of the effectiveness of the 2023–2027 Plan and the Program’s annual performance. As described in this report, CARE continued to expand key activities including collections, subsidies and grants, market development, and outreach to support performance improvements. Key results in 2025 including the following:

- The Program met its annual Recycling Rate goal of 37%.
- The Program continued to serve all of California’s 58 counties and expanded its collection network, adding 15 net new sites to reach a total of 174 public Drop-off Sites. CARE met the Flooring Professional Proximity goal and met the Public Access (Collection Convenience) goal of providing at least one site for every 425,000 residents in each county.
- CARE exceeded its goals for carpet Reuse (more than 5% of Recycled Output) and for Markets (with 131 products made from post-consumer carpet), while reducing carpet Disposal.
- The Program collected 78,517,075 pounds of carpet (Gross Collection), and 86% of carpet collected was recycled (Recycling Efficiency Rate).
- Overall, the Program had a successful 2025, meeting or exceeding 9 of 13 performance goals.

The goals that fell short (Collection Rate, Gross Collection, Disposal, and Processor Capacity) reached more than 85% of 2025 goal levels. Collection Rate and Gross Collection are closely related and were adversely affected by a sharp decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025—including a major market pullback across

many plastic recycling sectors both in the United States and Europe. All polymer markets have declined with demand for nylons collapsing, and economic uncertainties remain key concerns. A continuing decline in the sale of new carpet also reduces the volume of carpet available for collection. The replacement of old carpet by new carpet is the largest trigger of post-consumer carpet flow. The closure of Aquafil's Phoenix operations adversely impacted Processor Capacity. Based on discussions with Aquafil, CARE expects replacement capacity located in California to be online sometime in mid-2026.

CARE's Response to Auditor's Finding 2025-001 Regarding Annual Report (August 13, 2026) describes causes of each shortfall, CARE's planned corrective actions, and a monitoring timetable with defined escalation triggers, enabling CARE and CalRecycle to track progress toward the Plan's targets. CARE's response memo begins on page 221 at the end of Appendix 11.10, *Audited Financial Statements*, as an appendix to the independent auditor's report and financial statements.

Chapter 5 and Table 5-1 provide more details on the Program's progress on its annual performance goals.

Table 2-1. Summary of 2025 Program Performance Metrics (refer to Table Notes on next page for numbered items)

Metric	Unit	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Carpet Sold in California	square yards	67,339,933	53,068,635	49,011,571
Assessment (dollars per square yard) [1]	dollars	\$0.35	\$0.68-0.99	January: \$0.68–0.99 Feb.–Dec.: \$0.96–1.49
Assessment Paid (total dollars)	dollars	\$23.6 million	\$39.5 million	\$53.1 million
Total Program Costs	dollars	\$29.8 million	\$35.4 million	\$37.3 million
Recycling Rate	percent	28%	38%	37%
Recycling Efficiency Rate [2]	percent	82%	90%	86%
Gross Collection [3]	pounds	82,150,621	82,726,893	78,517,075
Recycled Output (RO) [4]	pounds	67,622,801	74,861,213	67,863,831
Reuse	pounds	829,815	2,894,786	3,560,359
Carpet Weight and Source Reduction, per square yard	pounds	4.11	Q1-Q2: 4.14 Q3-Q4: 4.22	4.29
Post-Consumer Carpet (PCC) Discards [5]	pounds	242,780,121	194,595,951	184,439,756
Process Waste to Landfill [6]	pounds	8,957,936	6,043,034	6,479,285
Disposal of PCC (Discards minus RO) [7]	pounds	175,157,320	119,734,738	116,575,925

*Table Notes: Metric definitions are current as of 2025, though some have evolved over time. Appendix 11.5 provides Definitions of key terms. The **Baseline** year is 2021, per the adopted Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027.*

[1] **Assessment** in effect during the month of January 1–31, 2025, ranged from \$0.68 to \$0.99 per square yard of carpet sold (refer to Table 8-1), and the assessment in effect for the remainder of 2025 starting on February 1 ranged from \$0.96 to \$1.49 per square yard (refer to Table 8-2).

- [2] **Recycling Efficiency Rate** reflects the efficiency of converting collected post-consumer carpet in the form of Gross Collection into Recycled Output and was reported as **Yield** prior to the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027. The adjustments to Gross Collection in Note 3 also resulted in modifications to the Recycling Efficiency Rate.
- [3] **Gross Collection** figures, including the 2021 baseline year, were previously adjusted, as reflected in the 2024 Annual Report (Appendix 11.7B) and described in an [errata memorandum](#) to CalRecycle on July 31, 2025.
- [4] **Recycled Output (RO)** includes Reuse, Recycled Carpet Tile, Fiber, PCC Calcium Carbonate (PC4), Depolymerization, Filler, and Carcass, as detailed in Table 2-2. The data for 2024 and 2025 reflect minor adjustments to the calculation methodology as described in Appendix 11.7C of the 2024 Annual Report.
- [5] **Post-Consumer Carpet (PCC) Discards** are estimated based on sales, weight per square yard, and other factors as described in Section 5.11.2, *Carpet Discards*.
- [6] **Process Waste to Landfill** refers to waste generated during processing, also referred to as processing waste.
- [7] **Disposal of PCC** is calculated as estimated PCC Discards minus Recycled Output. Total pounds of post-consumer carpet sent to landfill and incineration are counted as disposal.

Per the request of the California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee, the following supplemental tables are provided. Table 2-2 tabulates the subsidized components that compose **Recycled Output**. Table 2-3 denotes the additional Program components that count toward **Diversions** but receive no subsidy. Carpet Cushion/Pad is tracked separately and is not included in Gross Collection, Recycled Output, or Reported Diversion. Pad recycling keeps material out of landfills as a co-benefit of the Program.

Table 2-2. Recycled Output by Type (pounds)

Recycled Output (RO) Components	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Reuse	829,815	2,894,786	3,560,359
Recycled Carpet Tile	770,086	808,615	713,912
Fiber	48,958,227	50,820,998	44,699,521
PCC Calcium Carbonate (PC4)	17,064,673	20,336,814	18,890,040
Depolymerization	0	0	0
Filler	0	0	0
Carcass	0	0	0
Total Recycled Output	67,622,801	74,861,213	67,863,831

Table 2-3. Non-Subsidized Diversion by Type and Carpet Cushion/Pad (pounds)

Non-Subsidized Diversion by Type	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Carpet As Alternate Fuel (CAAF)	0	0	0
Kiln	1,200	0	0
Waste-to-Energy (WTE)	0	17,622	13,719
Exports	39,621	0	0
Cushion/Pad (not counted as Diversion)	12,661,617	15,079,502	13,162,252

Table Note: WTE pounds were reported by entities handling California PCC, but the energy recovery did not occur in California.

2.4 Report Organization

This Annual Report is organized into the following chapters, following the requirements of California’s Carpet Stewardship Law:

- 1. Contact Information**
- 2. Executive Summary**
- 3. Scope Changes**, indicating any changes from the approved Stewardship Plan
- 4. Collection & Recycling** (called “Program Outline” in Carpet Stewardship Law)
- 5. Goals & Activities**, summarizing key Program metrics
- 6. Grants** (an added chapter not named in the law)
- 7. Market Development**
- 8. Financing Mechanisms**
- 9. Education & Outreach**
- 10. Audits**
- 11. Appendices**

The *Annual Report Review Checklist* in Appendix 11.8 lists the statutory and regulatory requirements that this Annual Report addresses and identifies where in the document they are covered. This 2025 Annual Report and prior CARE [Annual Reports](#) are available through CalRecycle’s website.

3 Scope & Changes

CCR 18944(a)(3) Scope. *The program described in the stewardship plan accepts and manages all applicable post-consumer carpet.*

(A) Indicate any changes in the program scope from the approved stewardship plan.

(B) Indicate the scope is unchanged, if no changes have occurred during the reporting period.

This 2025 Annual Report presents progress on the activities and goals described in the CARE California Carpet Stewardship Program's Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027, which CalRecycle approved in April 2023. As described in the Stewardship Plan, the Program accepts and manages all applicable post-consumer carpet. CARE's enhanced subsidies and recycling supports, which were originally enacted in its COVID-19 Action Plan (March 2020), have since been incorporated into ongoing carpet recycling activities. The overall Program scope did not change from the approved Plan during the reporting period, though updates in the following areas were made in 2025:

- 3.1. Plan Amendments & Carpet Differential Assessment
- 3.2. Processor & Manufacturer Subsidy Changes
- 3.3. Calculations for Gross Collection & Recycled Output

3.1 Plan Amendments & Carpet Differential Assessment

Following CalRecycle's approval of **Plan Amendment #2** on December 23, 2024, increases in the Carpet Differential Assessment (CDA) took effect on February 1, 2025. The CDA increases were intended to meet the reserve fund requirements, incentivize PCC content, and support apprenticeships and union training. On November 24, 2025, CARE submitted to CalRecycle **Plan Amendment #3 – Phase 1 Request to Update the CDA Structure** to replace the Broadloom/Tile differential with a Commercial/Residential fee structure in 2026. More information on assessments is included in Section 8.2, *Program Income – Carpet Assessment Funds*.

On July 1, 2025, CARE submitted a letter to CalRecycle regarding AB 863 requirements. The letter resubmitted the revised **Contingency Plan 3.0**, which CalRecycle approved on August 1, 2024, for CalRecycle's review and determination regarding its compliance with PRC section 42972(a)(7). CARE plans to submit an updated Contingency Plan along with the revision for the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2028–2032.

3.2 Processor & Manufacturer Subsidy Changes

The 50% reductions in out-of-state supplemental processing subsidies for Type 1 Recycled Output, which took effect in April 2024, were discontinued effective January 1, 2025. CARE initially implemented the out-of-state processing adjustment to evaluate and strengthen in-state recycling capacity while maintaining responsible stewardship of Program funds. With improved processing infrastructure and market conditions, CARE removed the adjustment effective January 2025 to support broader processing flexibility and maximize overall carpet diversion outcomes.

Effective December 1, 2025, two new pilot subsidies took effect (refer to Appendix 11.6, Table 11-6, rows 27 and 28). In response to the sharp decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025, these pilot subsidies are designed to support additional Type 2 manufactured products and outlets in international markets. To strengthen end markets for recycled carpet materials, CARE introduced pilot subsidies for internationally shipped Type 1 Nylon 6 and Nylon 6,6 broadloom fiber to support their conversion into higher-value Tier 2 products. These incentives help expand global demand, improve material recovery outcomes, and stabilize pricing for participating Processors. All subsidies are paid domestically to qualified Processors participating in the Program; no funds are paid outside the United States. Chapter 8, *Financing Mechanisms*, and Appendix 11.6 provide more information on subsidies and incentive payouts.

3.3 Calculations for Gross Collection & Recycled Output

As detailed in an [errata memorandum](#) to CalRecycle, dated July 31, 2025, CARE self-identified a historical reporting issue related to calculating *Gross Collection*, a key metric representing the total amount of post-consumer carpet collected for recycling. The memo corrects metrics for 2019 to 2023. Upon identifying the issue, CARE took immediate corrective actions to ensure historical and future reporting accuracy.

This metric is used in calculating the *Collection Rate*, *Recycling Efficiency Rate*, and *Total PCC Waste Disposal to Landfill*. Reported numbers use the corrected data, while annual goals based on the 2021 baseline remained unchanged. For the 2021 baseline, both the original figures included in the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027 and the corrections are noted. CARE proposes to develop modified goals for the goals affected by the corrections, with a draft presented to CalRecycle for feedback, review by the Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee, and submission of a Plan Amendment.

As described in a CARE email to CalRecycle dated March 31, 2025, reported *Recycled Output* reflects a correction (of less than 1%) related to PET carpet fiber recycling. (Appendix 11.7C of the 2024 Annual Report provides more detail on these revisions.)

4 Collection & Recycling (Program Outline)

CCR 18944(a)(4) Program Outline. Describe the carpet stewardship program, including information on the following topics:

(A) Types of collections sites and basic information about recycling facilities in California, e.g., how carpet is collected, number and location of processors, throughput and capacity of recycling facilities.

(B) Include facility name(s) and address(es) for each method of disposition.

This chapter describes the Program’s collection and recycling efforts, including Drop-off Sites, pick-up service, Collector/Sorters, Processors, and Manufacturers. (Section 5.9.3 covers *Disposition of Post-Consumer Carpet* and Appendix 11.4 provides facility names and addresses for each method of disposition.)

Carpet Stewardship Law refers to this chapter as the “Program Outline.” It includes the following sections, noting where various annual performance goals are addressed (additional goals are covered in subsequent chapters):

- 4.1. Collection & Recycling Program Overview
- 4.2. Public Drop-off Sites
- 4.3. Public Access & Collection Convenience (Goal 4)
- 4.4. Flooring Professional Proximity (Goal 5)
- 4.5. Private Pick-up Service
- 4.6. Collector/Sorters
- 4.7. Tier 1 Processors & Processor Capacity (Goal 9)
- 4.8. Tier 2 Manufacturers

4.1 Collection & Recycling Program Overview

Post-consumer carpet (PCC) is collected at Drop-off Sites, or through private collection networks run by recyclers, and then is sorted and processed for recycling. **Gross Collection (GC)** denotes the estimated pounds of PCC removed from the waste stream for reuse, recycling, Carpet As Alternative Fuel (CAAF), kiln, or Waste-to-Energy (WTE), as reported to CARE by Collector/Sorters and Processors, prior to processing.

Collection includes the following types, with counts of collection points by type shown in Table 4-1:

- **Public Drop-off Sites** are primarily located at permitted solid waste and recycling facilities such as transfer stations, construction and demolition (C&D) recovery facilities, landfills, and material recovery facilities (MRFs). Public Drop-off Sites have also been established at carpet retailers and flooring installers. Some sites managed by CARE also provide onsite pickup services for flooring retailers and installers, in addition to the private collection options noted below.
- **Semi-Public Drop-off Sites** are open to flooring professionals and/or will-call customers. These sites are located at carpet Regional Distribution Centers.
- **Private Collection**, including **Onsite Pick-up Service**, is offered by Collector/Sorters participating in the CARE Program as well as independent collectors that accept carpet without requesting subsidies. Collector/Sorters offer drop-off and private pick-up service for generators of PCC throughout California. Many large-volume carpet/pad generators use Collector/Sorter private onsite pick-up services. In addition, independent collectors (including some public Drop-off Sites) provide onsite private pick-up service to additional locations. CARE does not manage the private collection system, but activity is monitored and reported to CARE.

Table 4-1. Post-Consumer Carpet Collection Points as of 2025 (Quarter 4)

Collection Type	Collection Points
Public Drop-off Sites	174
Semi-Public Drop-off Sites (open to flooring professionals and/or will-call customers)	4
Onsite Private Pick-up Service (serviced by Collector/Sorters)	237
Total Collection Points	415

After collection, the post-consumer carpet is handled for recycling through the following businesses participating in the Program:

- **Collector/Sorters** provide carpet recycling collection services for retailers, disposal sites, or other sites. Collector/Sorters (also referred to as CSEs, for Collector/Sorter Entrepreneurs) sort PCC by material type for third-party reuse or wholesale to Tier 1 Processors for recycling. They do not convert material into Recycled Output (RO), unless they are also Processors.
- **Tier 1 Processors** use processes such as shredding, grinding, or shearing to convert discarded whole carpet into finished RO ready to be used as an input for

manufacturing products. Some processors may also serve as Collector/Sorters or Tier 2 Manufacturers.

- **Tier 2 Manufacturers** receive finished (Type 1) RO from Tier 1 Processors and use the material to make finished secondary products with PCC content.

CARE provides multiple **subsidies** to Collector/Sorters, Processors, and Manufacturers to support carpet collection, reuse, recycling, and new products containing PCC content. Subsidies are described in Section 8.4.1 in the *Financing Mechanisms* chapter, starting on page 67, and in Appendix 11.6, *Subsidies & Incentive Payouts Summary*.

4.2 Public Drop-off Sites

4.2.1 Overview & Benefits of Public Drop-off Sites

CARE has established and supported public Drop-off Sites since 2012. Public Drop-off Sites are typically located at traditional disposal and recycling facilities such as transfer stations, landfills, material recovery facilities (MRFs), or construction and demolition (C&D) recovery facilities. Public Drop-off Sites have also been established at carpet retailers and flooring installers. These locations allow installation contractors (flooring professionals), do-it-yourselfers (DIYers), and businesses to drop off source-separated and properly prepared post-consumer carpet for recycling.

CARE allows each Drop-off Site to set carpet recycling fees to allow for their regional materials-handling cost recovery. Through its offerings of no-cost transportation, materials processing, and other benefits to participating Drop-off Sites, the Program strongly encourages sponsored sites to offer reduced tip fees for source-separated carpet to promote landfill diversion.

CARE supports convenient PCC collection for flooring professionals, contractors, and residents and provides the following benefits and services at no cost to host facilities:

- Collection containers and swap-out service.
- Logistical support and in-depth technical assistance through Program staff, biannual webinars, sharing best practices, and regular site engagements.
- Signage, regular communications, promotion, customized marketing materials, education, and outreach (described in Chapter 9, *Education & Outreach*).
- Inclusion in the [Drop-off Site map on CARE's California Program website](#), including locations, site hours, fees, and other facility details.
- Transportation of PCC to Collector/Sorters.

- Ready access to Micro-Grant funds up to \$15,000 to support carpet recycling through equipment (such as container covers, stairs, and loaders) and site improvements (such as all-weather pads and weather covers).
- Opportunity to apply for larger Capital Improvement Grants, typically used for covered collection containers for expanded collection service opportunities.
- Focused promotional campaigns for new Drop-off Sites when they start service.

4.2.2 Collection Program Activities & Costs

Program staff continued to promote Drop-off Sites with local governments, solid waste task force groups, waste and recycling agencies, facility operators, and retailers throughout the state. Negotiations to establish new Drop-off Sites can take months or years to bring new sites online. The text box, *Lessons Learned in Recruiting & Retaining Drop-off Sites*, highlights some of the challenges and opportunities associated with site recruitment and maintenance. (The 2024 Annual Report includes a more detailed discussion of these topics on pages 22–24.)

Lessons Learned in Recruiting & Retaining Drop-off Sites: Part 1 – Challenges

As the Advisory Committee requested and to support continuous improvement, CARE shared lessons learned in recruiting and retaining Drop-off Sites, in the 2024 Annual Report (pages 22–24). Key challenges and successes/opportunities are summarized here. These variables affect recycling programs for carpet collection and remain similar in 2025 and beyond. CARE staff work closely with existing and potential sites to address any challenges to continue the expansion of carpet collection.

Challenges include logistical complexities, site engagement concerns, lack of awareness and education, quality control and contaminants, staff turnover, and economic constraints. For example, site logistics can be complex, involving coordination with multiple stakeholders, such as collection site owners, transportation companies, and recycling facilities. Some locations may resist becoming active collection sites due to concerns about space, liability, inconvenience, or labor constraints. Site setup that supports the quality of collected carpet is crucial, as contaminants such as dirt, debris, water, infestations, or other nonrecyclable materials can reduce recycling efficiency.

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Lessons Learned in Recruiting & Retaining Drop-off Sites *(continued)*:
Part 2 – Successes & Opportunities

Successes and opportunities include incentive programs, grants, recycling technology innovations, waste diversion, sustainability benefits, smaller-volume container and transport options, community engagement, job creation, and partnerships. For example, new site adoption incentives and micro-grants help encourage businesses to become active collection sites. Partnering with regional hauling companies that provide smaller-volume collection containers supports Drop-off Sites at locations where space constraints hinder the use of larger containers. CARE's efforts with the U.S. Green Building Council in California (USGBC-CA), Gensler, and other partners help expand carpet reuse and recycling opportunities.

CARE-sponsored Drop-off Sites submit quarterly reports and attend webinars covering best practices, Program updates, and troubleshooting common issues. Since 2023, these webinars have been conducted twice yearly, in response to feedback from participating Drop-off Sites.

Program staff provided ongoing technical assistance to existing sites through troubleshooting support in the form of regular calls, emails, and virtual and in-person meetings. Outreach is conducted to Drop-off Sites on a quarterly basis to support relationship-building, consistent feedback systems, and reliable site operations.

The Program manages the dispatch of independent haulers to pick up PCC from sponsored Drop-off Sites and coordinates the delivery of materials to Collector/Sorters.

The public Drop-off Site collection program reported 26.1 million pounds of collection in 2025, a 21% increase over the previous year (21.6 million pounds). Gross Collection totaled 78.5 million pounds in 2025, as shown in Table 5-3 on page 34. CARE is committed to protecting our stakeholders' confidential business information. We include total public pounds collected and associated costs to show the Program's impact. CARE does not disclose pounds or costs at the site or recycler level to maintain confidentiality of our partners' proprietary information.

Private collection handled approximately 67% of all Gross Collection pounds, and 33% was collected through Program-sponsored public Drop-off Sites.

Program-sponsored public Drop-off Sites collected 26.1 million pounds of PCC in 2025.

Costs of hauling, storage, and carpet recycling for public Drop-off Sites have risen dramatically in recent years, with hauling representing the majority of those costs. In 2025, **hauling costs** totaled \$2.1 million, an increase of 55% from 2024. **Storage costs** totaled approximately \$428,000, and **recycling fees** totaled around \$631,000 in 2025. The total of these costs was \$3.1 million in 2025, an increase of 142% from the 2021 baseline and up 41% from 2024. Costs per pound collected at rural sites are approximately double the costs of service in urban locations.

4.3 Public Access & Collection Convenience (Goal 4)

At the close of 2025, California had 415 Drop-off Sites and private pick-up service locations, including **174 CARE-sponsored public Drop-off Sites**, as shown in Table 4-1. The Program met the goal of having at least one public Drop-off Site in each of the state's 58 counties, including at least one operational CARE-sponsored public Drop-off Site. In addition, the Program **achieved the 2025 goal of establishing at least one public Drop-off Site per 425,000 residents in each county.**

In 2025, the Program established 25 new public Drop-off Sites, while 10 sites closed, for a net gain of 15 sites, as shown in Table 4-2. Appendix 11.2 details the 174 CARE-sponsored public Drop-off Sites, including Table 11-1 of new sites in 2025, locations and operational information for the public sites, and a list of sites closed in 2025. Ten locations were removed from the Program due to site closure or relocation, conversion to an independent collection site, lack of participation, or other circumstances.

CARE also continued to support 4 semi-public Drop-off Sites open to flooring professionals and/or will-call customers at carpet Regional Distribution Centers in Cypress, Fontana, Santa Ana, and Union City. (Some additional independent sites and recyclers servicing large retailers/installers that accept carpet directly from the public are included in CARE's online map but are not counted toward meeting Program goals.)

In 2025, the Program continued to meet the goal of having at least one public Drop-off Site in every county.

CARE reached the 2025 goal for Public Access & Collection Convenience, by providing at least one public Drop-off Site per 425,000 residents in each county.

For more information on how CARE establishes new public Drop-off Sites and directs PCC loads from public sites to Collector/Sorters or Processors, please refer to [CARE Protocol: CARE Public Drop-off Site Selection and Load Routing](#) on its website. CARE remains committed to making updates as markets and needs change over time.

Table 4-2. Public Drop-off Site Counts Over Time

Year	Total Public Drop-off Sites	Net Sites Added	Annual % Change
2021 Baseline	94	+11	+13%
2024	159	+12	+8%
2025	174	+15	+9%

Each year, the Program reviews and updates the Drop-off Site public access goals based on the number of existing Drop-off Sites and population data. In 2025, CARE met the Public Access & Collection Convenience goal (goal 4) of one public Drop-off Site per 425,000 residents in each of California's 58 counties. As requested by CalRecycle and confirmed in the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027, this benchmark is calculated based on population data from the 2020 U.S. Census. Appendix 11.3 shows the number of Drop-off Sites needed to meet the convenience goal of one site per 425,000 residents in each county, the number of sites as of year-end 2025, and any additional sites needed. The **2025 convenience goal was met**, and no additional sites were required in 2025. CARE continues to add sites to meet requirements for future years.

Most public Drop-off Sites are open to the public during regular business hours, though some offer a more limited public schedule, and a small number accept carpet by appointment. Appendix 11.2 provides information on the public Drop-off Sites operating in 2025, including their names, locations, days and hours of operations, fees if any, and other details. CARE regularly updates this information in the [California Public Drop-off Site Map](#) on its California website as well as in printed material.

4.4 Flooring Professional Proximity (Goal 5)

The **Flooring Professional Proximity** goal (goal 5) addresses the percentage of residents within 15 miles of a location that accepts carpet from all flooring professionals. Geographic analysis determined that more than 90% of residents live in a Census tract (2020 U.S. Census) that is located all or partially within a 15-mile radius of a location that accepts carpet from all flooring professionals, exceeding the annual goals for 2025 (82% goal) and the remainder of the 2023–2027 Plan (86% in 2026 and 90% in 2027).

The 174 CARE public Drop-off Sites are listed, by county, in Appendix 11.2. These sites accept carpet from all flooring professionals and serve to meet this goal. Additionally, flooring professionals can also bring tear-out carpet to 4 semi-public sites located at carpet Regional Distribution Centers (RDCs). Addresses and other details for these RDC sites are not published in Appendix 11.2 because they are not open to the public.

4.5 Private Pick-up Service

Private PCC recycling pick-up service is offered to commercial businesses, primarily at carpet retailers and flooring contractors. Carpet is collected using container pick-up service offered by a Collector/Sorter or a CARE-sponsored Drop-off Site with a local waste/recycling hauler. These retail and flooring contractors provide installation and PCC tear-out services for their customers purchasing new carpet or other flooring. Installation contractors may return PCC to the retailer for recycling or, in the case of flooring contractors (such as installers for big-box retailers, large multifamily flooring specialists, or commercial flooring contractors), to their warehouse or workshop location. CARE requires Collector/Sorters to report monthly on the number of sites to which they provide regular ongoing service and periodic/seasonal site services.

As of year-end 2025, 237 businesses and contractors received regular PCC recycling pick-up service statewide from a Collector/Sorter. Each service provider negotiates rates and container service types directly with each private generator of PCC, generally based on volume, space constraints, and transport distances. Due to CARE's collector subsidy support, this container recycling service is generally priced lower than regular disposal services. Recognizing the customized, economical, and convenient onsite services that Collector/Sorters provide, CARE strives to avoid establishing services that might undermine or compete with the more cost-efficient private collection networks.

4.6 Collector/Sorters

Collector/Sorters, also called CSEs (for Collector/Sorter Entrepreneurs), are key participants in the carpet recycling process. These companies collect post-consumer carpet (and pad) and sort it by fiber type in preparation to sell or transfer to Processors, which then recycle the material into usable Recycled Output. Collector/Sorters collect used carpet in three ways, typically as a fee for service:

- Place a trailer or container at a Drop-off Site.
- Accept carpet drop-offs at their locations.
- Provide pick-up service from a private pick-up site, such as a retailer or other flooring professional.

In 2025, CARE paid **\$3.9 million to Collector/Sorters as subsidies**. Subsidies and payments are described in Section 8.4.1 and Appendix 11.6. In 2025, 13 Collector/Sorters were registered, and 10 requested funding. Table 4-3 lists the active Collector/Sorters registered to participate in the Program during 2025. For each reporting quarter, the table indicates “Yes” for Collector/Sorters that requested and received funds for sorted and shipped PCC at least once during the quarter, or “No” if no funds were requested or received during the period. Addresses for these facilities are included in Appendix 11.4, *Disposition Facility Addresses: Collector/Sorters, Processors & Manufacturers*. Of these Collector/Sorters, 7 also function as Tier 1 Processors, noted with a “(P)” after their names in the table. Participating companies that function only as a Collector/Sorter and provide no further processing continued to receive a legacy reporting subsidy of \$1,000 per month.

Table 4-3. Collector/Sorters Registered & Subsidy Requests in 2025

ID	Collector/Sorters	City	State	2025
1	Apex Manufacturing LLC (P)	Hemet	CA	Yes
2	Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC (P)	Anaheim	CA	Yes
3	Certified Blue Recycling, Inc.	San Leandro	CA	Yes
4	Circular Polymers by Ascend (P)	Lincoln	CA	Yes
5	Construction & Demolition Recycling, Inc.	South Gate	CA	No
6	Gone Green Recycling, LLC	Sparks	NV	Yes
7	GreenWaste Carpet Recycling	San Jose	CA	Yes
8	Interface, Inc. (P)	LaGrange	GA	Yes
9	Kian Green Up	Anaheim	CA	No
10	Los Angeles Fiber Company (P)	Los Angeles	CA	Yes
11	Repurpose Earth	Gardena	CA	Yes
12	Shaw Industries Group, Inc. (P)	Dalton	GA	Yes
13	Tarkett USA (P)	Dalton	GA	No

*Table Notes: “(P)” after the company name indicates those Collector/Sorters that also function as **Processors**, which are included in Table 4-4. **California** (CA) locations are noted in **bold**. ID #2 was formerly Aquafil Carpet Recycling, LLC; Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC, operated three collection sites in 2025, as listed in Appendix 11.4.*

To be considered a qualifying recipient for potential subsidy funding, Collector/Sorters and other Program participants are required to be CARE members in good standing and sign a CSE agreement. Under the CSE agreement, qualified recipients are subject to regular reporting, Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) review, best management practices, and documentation requirements. Collector/Sorters that are also Tier 1 Processors track and report their collections and processing activities separately.

Companies are not required to request or receive funding to remain qualified Program participants. The carpet recycling ecosystem's complex and autonomous nature poses challenges for CARE in independently determining why entities decline available funds. CARE is not involved in individual company decision-making regarding monthly subsidy applications. Reasons may include mechanical issues, overhauls, loss of business, market slowdowns, initiating operations, weather and supply chain, or staffing issues.

Operational issues, regulatory requirements, and confidentiality concerns influence the decision to accept or decline funding. Many companies have stated reluctance to share such details for competitive reasons.

4.7 Tier 1 Processors & Processor Capacity (Goal 9)

Tier 1 Processors receive source-separated PCC discards, “de-manufacture” (process), and convert the materials into Recycled Output for use in manufacturing secondary products. Some Tier 1 Processors also function as Collector/Sorters, Tier 2 Manufacturers, or both. Tier 1 Processors that are also Collector/Sorters track and report their collections and processing activities separately.

In 2025, CARE paid **\$12.4 million to Tier 1 Processors as subsidies**. Subsidies are described in Section 8.4.1 and Appendix 11.6. In 2025, 11 Processors were registered, and 7 requested funds during the year. Table 4-4 lists registered Processors, with “Yes” indicating that funds were requested at least once during the quarter for PCC processed and shipped, and “No” indicating that no funds were requested during the period. California locations are listed in **bold**. Appendix 11.4, *Disposition Facility Addresses*, provides addresses for these facilities.

Table 4-4. Tier 1 Processors Registered & Subsidy Requests in 2025

ID	Tier 1 Processors	City	State	2025
1	Apex Manufacturing LLC	Hemet	CA	No
2	Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC	Phoenix	AZ	Yes
3	Aquafil Carpet Recycling #1	Phoenix	AZ	Yes
4	Circular Polymers by Ascend	Lincoln	CA	Yes
5	Columbia Recycling Corp.	Dalton	GA	Yes
6	Interface, Inc.	LaGrange	GA	Yes
7	Kian Green Up	Anaheim	CA	No
8	Los Angeles Fiber Company	Los Angeles	CA	Yes
9	PRET Advanced Materials, LLC	Johnsonville	SC	No
10	Shaw Industries Group, Inc.	Dalton	GA	Yes
11	Tarkett USA	Dalton	GA	No

Table Note: ID #2 was formerly Aquafil Carpet Recycling, LLC.

CARE defines **Processor Capacity** (goal 9) as the estimated maximum volume of carpet discards that can be processed by participating Tier 1 Processors in the marketplace. Maximum capacity assumes operations 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, with regular maintenance downtime, and is based on self-reported data and permitted capacity figures. Capacity is shown in pounds per year for consistency with other report data.

CARE continues to work to increase California’s in-state capacity for carpet collections, recycling, and manufacturing. In 2025, 81% of the total subsidies were paid to California-based operators, up from 77% in 2024. In addition to subsidies, grant funds are also designed to incentivize California-based projects, as described in Chapter 6.

In 2025, 81% of the total subsidies were paid to California-based operators.

As shown in Table 4-5, the reported carpet processing capacity in 2025 declined in California and the West Coast region. In 2025, the **Processor Capacity** for the West Coast was reported at **120 million pounds**, lower than the annual goal of 140 million pounds and 2021 baseline (132 million pounds). California processing capacity also declined, to 95 million pounds, though the state continues to represent a substantial share of national carpet recycling infrastructure. These changes mainly reflect operational and reporting adjustments, rather than reductions in actual infrastructure. The closure of Aquafil’s Phoenix operations reduced reported Processor Capacity, though CARE expects this occurrence to be brief.

Table 4-5. West Coast & California Processor Capacity (millions of pounds)

Processor Capacity	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
West Coast Capacity	132	155	120
California-Only Capacity	99	122	95

The decline in reported capacity is largely attributed to operational modifications. Examples include processes employed, equipment reliability and maintenance, market dynamics, supply chain delays, shutdowns during peak utility rates, and labor shifts per day. Carpet feedstock also affects capacity. For example, higher volumes of commercial-grade loop carpet can require more mechanical processing time and maintenance downtime. That is, loop carpet “runs slow,” meaning that it takes longer to recycle and reduces processing throughput, despite the same installed equipment.

Processor capacity utilization improved in 2025, indicating that the infrastructure is meeting recycling demand efficiently, with less excess capacity and fewer idle assets. In accordance with the 2023–2027 Plan, CARE has determined that the **current capacity of California Processors and Reuse outlets is sufficient to handle the anticipated pounds of Recycled Output to achieve the Recycling Rate goals through 2027**. The Program remains well supported by substantial processing capacity in California and nearby, offering flexibility to adapt supply and demand. CARE exceeded or met the

recycling goals in 2022–2025 and will continue to monitor and work with Processors to expand capacity when needed.

4.8 Tier 2 Manufacturers

Used carpet may be recycled to make new carpet or as a feedstock component in the manufacture of other products. **Tier 2 Manufacturers** use Recycled Output processed from the carpet fiber or carpet backing and incorporate it into new or existing products, including broadloom carpet and carpet tile, carpet cushion/underlayment, building insulation, water heater blankets, bedding, pellets, plastic automotive components, packaging insulation, erosion control products, lightweight aggregate, absorbency products, and various cement-related products (as described in Chapter 7).

In 2025, CARE paid **\$11.2 million to Tier 2 Manufacturers as subsidies**. Subsidies are described in Section 8.4.1 and Appendix 11.6. In 2025, 14 Tier 2 Manufacturers were registered with CARE, and 11 requested funds during the year. Table 4-6 lists registered Manufacturers, with “Yes” indicating that funds were requested for active manufacturing and PCC-containing product sales in the quarter, and “No” indicating that no funds were requested during the period. California locations are listed in **bold**. Appendix 11.4 provides addresses for these facilities.

Table 4-6. Tier 2 Manufacturers Registered & Subsidy Requests in 2025

ID	Tier 2 Manufacturers	City	State	2025
1	Apex Manufacturing LLC	Hemet	CA	No
2	Aquafil Carpet Recycling #1	Phoenix	AZ	Yes
3	Aquafil USA, Inc.	Cartersville	GA	No
4	Carlisle Fibers LLC	Chandler	AZ	Yes
5	Circular Polymers by Ascend	Lincoln	CA	Yes
6	Columbia Recycling Corp.	Dalton	GA	Yes
7	Cross Plains Group	Chatsworth	GA	Yes
8	GeoHay, LLC	Inman	SC	No
9	Kian Green Up	Anaheim	CA	Yes
10	Leggett & Platt	Villa Rica	GA	Yes
11	MP Global Products LLC	Norfolk	NE	Yes
12	PRET Advanced Materials, LLC	Johnsonville	SC	Yes
13	Reliance Carpet Cushion	Los Angeles	CA	Yes
14	Rise Building Products, LLC	Mankato	MN	Yes

Table Notes: Carlisle Fibers LLC (ID #4) was formerly Bonded Logic, and Rise Building Products, LLC (ID #14) was formerly RISE Composite Technologies.

Table 4-7 shows the growth in Manufacturer use of materials from recycled carpet in making products with recycled content. **Tier 2 Manufacturer Output totaled 44.6 million pounds in 2025**, a 5% increase from 2024. By type, Non-Nylon composed nearly two-thirds (65%), while Nylon represented just over one-third (35%) of the output.

Table 4-7. Tier 2 Materials in Manufacture of Recycled Products (millions of pounds)

Manufacturer Output Type	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Non-Nylon Tier 2 Manufacturer Output	26.1	21.6	29.1
Nylon Tier 2 Manufacturer Output	12.1	20.9	15.6
Totals	38.2	42.5	44.6

5 Goals & Activities

CCR 18944(a)(5) Description of goals and activities based on the stewardship plan. State goals from the approved plan, the baseline from which goals were measured, and report on achievement during the reporting period.

This chapter describes the Program goals included in the approved Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027, which are summarized in Section 5.1. The remainder of the chapter describes activities to meet these goals, along with relevant measurement methods, assumptions, conversion factors, and data sources. This Annual Report covers progress toward achievement of goals in the approved Plan and demonstrates progress over time in increasing source reduction, reuse, and recycling of post-consumer carpet, while decreasing disposal. This chapter includes the following sections, noting where the annual performance goals are addressed (additional goals are covered in other chapters):

- 5.1. Performance Goals, Baseline, and Status in 2025
- 5.2. Recycling Rate (Goal 1)
- 5.3. Recycling Efficiency Rate (Goal 2)
- 5.4. Collection Rate (Goal 3)
- 5.5. Carpet Reuse (Goal 6)
- 5.6. Gross Collection (Goal 7)
- 5.7. Recycled Output & Disposal (Goal 8)
- 5.8. Recyclability (Goal 10)
- 5.9. Source Reduction, Diversion & Disposition
- 5.10. Market Growth, Environmental Impacts & Jobs
- 5.11. Measurement Methodology & Data Sources

5.1 Performance Goals, Baseline, and Status in 2025

CCR 18944(a)(5)(B) Information on goals shall be accompanied by supporting information covering, but not be limited to the following topics:

- 1. Report describes the measurement methodology, assumptions, conversion factors, and data sources.*
- 2. Report demonstrates that over time source reduction, reuse, and recycling increased, while environmentally safe transformation and land disposal decreased.*
- 3. Report covers progress toward achievement of all goals in the approved stewardship plan.*

5.1.1 Annual Program Performance Goals – Progress in 2025

CCR 18944(a)(5)7. Describe efforts to increase recycling of post-consumer carpet.

This Annual Report identifies progress toward achievement of the following goals in the 2025 reporting period, along with the baseline for measurement from the 2023–2027 Plan where applicable. Note that this list is ordered to align with the Plan and CalRecycle’s “Program Goals” RFA (signed May 2022) and affirmed in CalRecycle’s triennial goal review (May 2025), as shown in Table 5-1.

1. Achieve a 37% **Recycling Rate** for post-consumer carpet in 2025 and meet annual goals that increase in each year of the Plan, reaching 45% recycling by December 31, 2027.
2. Achieve a **Recycling Efficiency Rate** of 75% annually for 2023 through 2027.
3. Achieve a **Collection Rate** of 50% in 2025 and meet annual goals that increase in each year, reaching 60% collection by the end of 2027.
4. Increase **Collection Convenience** for carpet recycling through **Public Access to Drop-off Sites**, with a minimum of one site per county and one site per 425,000 residents in each county in 2025. Meet annual goals that increase each year, reaching one site per 375,000 residents in each county by 2027.
5. Increase **Flooring Professional Proximity** such that 82% of residents in 2025 are within 15 miles of a location that accepts carpet from all flooring professionals and meet annual goals that increase each year, reaching 90% by 2027.
6. Increase the **Reuse** of post-consumer carpet.

7. Increase the **Collection** of post-consumer carpet for recycling.
8. Reduce the **Disposal** of post-consumer carpet.
9. Increase **Processor Capacity**, including processor capacity in California.
10. Increase the **Recyclability** of carpet (goals 10a and 10b in Table 5-1).
11. Expand and incentivize **Markets** for products made from post-consumer carpet (goals 11a and 11b in Table 5-1).
12. Increase the weight of post-consumer carpet that is **recycled**, which is addressed in multiple goals, including goals 1, 2, 3, 7, and 10 in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1 shows the baseline, 2025 annual goal, and actual performance in 2025 for the Program's performance goals, including annual results and whether the annual goal was met. The remainder of this chapter discusses key metrics and progress for 2025, following the order of Recycling goals (1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 10a) in Table 5-1. Goals for collection convenience and processor capacity (goals 4, 5 & 9 in Chapter 4), grants (goal 10b in Chapter 6), and market development (goals 11a & 11b in Chapter 7) are addressed in their respective chapters, which are noted in the table. (Note that Table 2-1, **Summary of 2025 Program Performance Metrics**, on page 6, presents performance data for 2025, the prior year (2024), and the 2021 baseline year.)

As noted in Table 5-1, the Collection Rate (goal 3, Section 5.4), Gross Collection (goal 7, Section 5.6), Disposal (goal 8, Section 5.7), and Processor Capacity (goal 9, Section 4.7) fell short of their annual goals in 2025. The goals that fell short reached 85% or more of the 2025 goal levels, and the shortfalls are discussed in the relevant sections of this report, with additional information at the end of Appendix 11.10.

The Collection Rate and Gross Collection are closely related and were adversely affected by the sharp decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025, a downturn with negative impacts across the plastic recycling ecosystem. The closure of Aquafil's Phoenix operations reduced reported Processor Capacity, though CARE expects this occurrence to be brief. (CARE notes that an error in calculation of the Gross Collection baseline in 2021 formed the basis for some annual goals, which have not yet been revised.)

CARE's Response to Auditor's Finding 2025-001 Regarding Annual Report (August 13, 2026) describes causes of each shortfall, CARE's planned corrective actions, and a monitoring timetable with defined escalation triggers, enabling CARE and CalRecycle to track progress toward the Plan's targets. CARE's response memo begins on page 221 at the end of Appendix 11.10, *Audited Financial Statements*, as an appendix to the independent auditor's report and financial statements.

Table 5-1. Program Performance Goals per 2023–2027 Plan, Baseline, and 2025 Status

Program Goals & Report Sections	Baseline (2021)	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2025 Annual Goal	Met Goal?
1. Recycling Rate Section 5.2	27.9%	39%	37%	37%	met ✓
2. Recycling Efficiency Rate* Section 5.3	82.3% as updated (76.4% in Plan)	91%	86%	75%	met ✓
3. Collection Rate* Section 5.4	34% as updated (36.4% in Plan)	43%	43%	50%	not met
4. Public Access to Drop-off Sites (Collection Convenience) Section 4.3 & Appendix 11.3	51 out of 58 counties had one site per 500,000 residents in each county, with a minimum of one site per county	• All 58 counties have at least one site • 159 public sites • Met population service standard	• All 58 counties have at least one site • 174 public sites • Met population service standard	• Minimum of one site per county • One site per 425,000 residents in each county	met ✓
5. Flooring Professional Proximity Section 4.4 & Appendix 11.2	72% of residents within 15 miles of a location that accepts carpet from all flooring professionals	95%	More than 90% of residents live in a Census tract that is located all or partially within a 15-mile radius of a location that accepts carpet from all flooring professionals	82%	met ✓

Program Goals & Report Sections	Baseline (2021)	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2025 Annual Goal	Met Goal?
6. Reuse of PCC (% of Recycled Output, RO) Section 5.5	1.2% of Recycled Output	3.9% of Recycled Output	5.2% of Recycled Output	2.0% of Recycled Output	met ✓
7. Gross Collection* (thousand pounds) Section 5.6	82,151 thousand pounds as updated (88,466 in Plan)	82,727 thousand pounds	78,517 thousand pounds	91,000 thousand pounds	not met
8. Disposal of PCC (thousand pounds) Section 5.7	175,157 thousand pounds	119,735 thousand pounds	116,576 thousand pounds	107,000 thousand pounds (or less)	not met
9. Processor Capacity (West Coast) Section 4.7	132 million pounds	155.3 million pounds	120 million pounds	140 million pounds	not met
10a. Recyclability: Recyclable PCC Types Section 5.8	Estimated at 70% based on 2021 sales	Estimated at 97%	Estimated at 97%	Ensure Program capacity to recycle 75% of PCC types	met ✓
10b. Recyclability: Innovation & Design Grants Section 6.6	Awarded zero Innovation & Design (I&D) grants	Awarded 2 I&D grants	Awarded 2 I&D grants	Award 2 I&D grants	met ✓

Program Goals & Report Sections	Baseline (2021)	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2025 Annual Goal	Met Goal?
11a. Markets: New Products Section 7.2	103 products using California PCC	• 3 new products • 113 total products	• 28 new products • 131 total products	• 3 new products • 111 total products	met ✓
11b. Markets: New Vendors Section 7.2	27 vendors using California PCC	• 2 new vendors • 30 total vendors	• 3 new vendors • 32 total vendors	• 2 new vendors • 32 total vendors	met ✓

*Table Notes: The baseline year is 2021, as stated in the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027. *The Recycling Efficiency Rate (metric 2), Collection Rate (metric 3), and Gross Collection (metric 7) were updated as noted starting with the 2024 Annual Report. The annual goals were based on the original 2021 baseline data and have not yet been updated. The baseline shows both the updated version as well as the original baseline as included in the 2023–2027 Plan.*

5.1.2 Additional Program Commitments

In addition to the Program Performance Goals summarized in Table 5-1, the Program is also committed to meeting the following requirements:

- **Provide incentives or grants to state-approved apprenticeship programs** for training apprentices and journey-level installers in proper carpet recycling practices. **Met commitment:** see new Section 6.7, *Union Training Grants for Journey & Apprentice Installers* and Section 9.3, *Union Training Support*. In 2025, CARE issued a new grant solicitation for Union training projects. CARE also offers incentives for establishing Drop-off Sites, if an apprenticeship program or organization hosts such a site. Free training on carpet recycling and reuse is available for apprentices, journey-level installers, and others.
- **Structure grants and subsidies to incentivize Highest Recyclability.** **Met commitment:** see Section 6.3 and Appendix 11.6, Table 11-5, row 13. CARE structures grants to incentivize Highest Recyclability (HR) and incorporates HR ratings into its selection process. CARE offers a subsidy of 5 cents per pound for California-generated PCC fibers that meet the HR criteria.
- **Ensure that assessment fee funds shall not be expended on penalties or litigation against the state.** **Met commitment:** see Sections 8.5.1 and 8.5.2. No assessment funds are expended for penalties or litigation against the state.
- **Ensure that no subsidies are provided for Carpet As Alternative Fuel (CAAF), Kiln fuel, or Waste-to-Energy (WTE).** **Met commitment:** see Sections 8.5.1 and 8.5.2. CARE does not pay any subsidies for WTE, CAAF, or Kiln.
- **Every six months, evaluate market conditions and leverage CARE's models** to determine whether a change to the base subsidies is warranted. **Met commitment:** see Section 8.4.1. CARE maintains a fair, data-driven subsidy system and conducts quarterly data reviews and updates twice-yearly and as needed to keep its financial analysis tools up-to-date and responsive to trends.
- **Spend at least 10% of the Education & Outreach (E&O) budget on installer outreach** each year. **Met commitment:** see Section 9.2. In 2025, CARE expended \$123,486 on installer outreach, 12% of the Program's planned E&O budget of \$1 million annually. CARE personnel also conducted additional outreach with installers through union training sessions and other initiatives.
- **Evaluate landfill fee structures to incentivize use of Drop-off Sites.** **Met commitment:** CARE previously completed a landfill fee pilot project in Santa Cruz County, as described in this July 2025 post, [Spotlight: Innovative Recycling Practices at Buena Vista Landfill](#). In 2025 and beyond, CARE

continues to encourage new Drop-off Sites to consider fee reductions as part of the onboarding process.

- **Conduct biennial waste characterization studies of carpet recyclers** to identify unrecyclable components of the PCC waste stream due to contamination and other factors. **Met commitment:** see Section 5.8.1, *Increasing Recyclability: Recyclable PCC Types*. CARE conducted a PCC waste characterization in 2024 and posted results on its website in 2025. The next study is slated for 2026.

5.2 Recycling Rate (Goal 1)

In 2025, CARE achieved an **annual Recycling Rate of 37%, meeting the annual goal** set in the Plan. Table 5-2 shows the Program's Recycling Rate (goal 1) for the last five years and reflects an upward trend. Due to the decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025, the annual rate dipped one percentage point from 2024, resulting in meeting but not exceeding the 2025 annual goal of 37%. CARE's enhanced subsidies and other recycling supports, adopted in its 2020 COVID Action Plan, are incorporated into ongoing recycling efforts and have contributed to substantial recycling growth.

Table 5-2. Recycling Rate, Recycling Efficiency Rate & Collection Rate Over Time

Metric	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Recycling Rate (Annual)	28%	38%	37%
Recycling Efficiency Rate (Yield)	82%	90%	86%
Collection Rate	34%	43%	43%

5.3 Recycling Efficiency Rate (Goal 2)

The **Recycling Efficiency Rate** (goal 2) reflects the ratio of Gross Collection converted into Recycled Output, or the efficiency of converting collected PCC into reuse and end products. As shown in Table 5-2, in 2025 the Program achieved a **Recycling Efficiency Rate of 86%, exceeding its annual goal of 75%**. With the corrections to Gross Collection as noted, the Recycling Efficiency Rate was also updated. As corrected, the Recycling Efficiency Rate exceeded the 75% goal each year. The 2021 baseline has been corrected to 82% (previously reported in the Plan as 76.4%).

5.4 Collection Rate (Goal 3)

Collection Rate (goal 3) identifies the percentage of available carpet that is collected for recycling or reuse, calculated as Gross Collection divided by Discards. Increasing Gross Collection, while holding Discards steady or decreasing Discards, increases the Collection Rate. As shown in Table 5-2, the 2025 **Collection Rate was 43%**, short of the 50% annual goal and an increase from the corrected baseline of 33.8%. The annual goals were established based on the higher original baseline of 36.4%, as described in the July 2025 errata memorandum to CalRecycle. The Collection Rate was adversely affected by the decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025, a slump with negative impacts across the plastic recycling ecosystem.

Collections Study

In 2025, CARE consultant Blue Strike Environmental completed a **Collections Program Study** of barriers and solutions for reaching the Program's 60% statewide Collection Rate goal by 2027. While the study found that the Program was on track to reach its 60% goal by 2027, collections dipped in 2025, and CARE staff selected five priority initiatives to increase collections in 2025 and beyond:

- **Revise model local government ordinance language**, to divert increased PCC to recycling, and share language via CARE's website and local government outreach.
- **Revise model bid template language for commercial projects**, to divert increasing volumes of PCC to recycling, and share language via CARE's website and with building owners and project managers.
- **Consider new requirements for subsidy recipients** to share information on private collection site locations and volume, which would help identify collection gaps.
- **Consider adding Collections staff** as the Program grows, to support expanded retailer outreach and troubleshoot barriers at small-to-medium-sized retailers.
- **Develop a scope of work to address no-cost PCC drop-off**, due to be implemented under AB 863 by 2029.

5.5 Carpet Reuse (Goal 6)

CARE helped spur a major increase in **Carpet Reuse** (goal 6) starting in 2022, exceeding 2 million pounds of post-consumer carpet collected for reuse, more than double the amount in 2021 baseline. This upward trend has continued, reaching **3.6 million pounds of Reuse** in 2025, as shown in Table 5-3, a 23% increase from 2024. The vast majority of this reuse was carpet tile, also known as carpet squares, which have gained popularity due to their modularity and ease of installation. Benefits of carpet reuse include reducing landfill waste, saving money, conserving resources, and lowering the environmental impact of carpet manufacturing.

The Reuse goal in the 2023–2027 Plan is stated as a percentage of Recycled Output, with a baseline of 1.2% in 2021. In 2025, 5.2% of Recycled Output consisted of Reuse, more than double the annual goal of 2.0% and strong growth from 3.9% in 2024.

Table 5-3 shows trends over time in Carpet Reuse, Gross Collection (addressed in Section 5.6, and Recycled Output and Disposal (Section 5.7).

Table 5-3. Carpet Reuse, Gross Collection, Recycled Output & Disposal Over Time

Metric (millions of pounds)	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Carpet Reuse	0.8	2.9	3.6
Gross Collection	82.2	82.7	78.5
Recycled Output (RO)	67.6	74.9	67.9
Disposal (Discards minus RO)	175.2	119.7	116.6

In 2025, CARE continued to expand the collection of post-consumer carpet tiles for reuse in the built environment. Building on the success of its 2024 pilot initiative, which provided free carpet pick-up and no recycling fees for projects of 5,000 square yards or larger, CARE implemented multiple carpet tile reuse projects in partnership with the deconstruction industry (general contractors, construction & demolition, and flooring contractors). These projects recovered tiles from existing buildings and reinstalled them in temporary spaces on the same campus, extending product life and avoiding disposal.

The success of these pilots has increased interest in commercial carpet reuse among large property owners. Building owners are now able to transfer carpet tile directly from tear-out to reuse in another building, and architecture and design (A&D) firms are increasingly incorporating reuse into planning for transitional office spaces.

In parallel, CARE worked directly with large commercial end users, A&D firms, and general contractors (GCs)—including projects with Genentech, Roche, Richlen Construction, Columbia Property Trust, GCI, Truebeck, and additional GCs—to integrate reuse into active renovation and construction efforts. CARE supported project teams with reuse planning, removal and grading guidance, and coordination across multiple stakeholders, further establishing CARE as a first point of contact for complex commercial carpet reuse projects.

Carpet tiles are particularly well-suited for reuse when removed and graded for quality. CARE continues to work with the carpet industry to develop guidelines and a national reuse network to extend the useful life.

Carpet Reuse Framework

The framework for successful carpet reuse is structured around three primary components:

- A standardized material grading system to assess recovered carpet tile by condition, performance, and reuse suitability.
- Operational guidelines governing the handling, movement, and reinstallation of recovered materials. CARE is partnering with construction material reuse companies, A&D firms, and building owners to develop standards that support commercial carpet reuse.
- Governance and adoption model to ensure the resulting standard is maintained, applied, and scaled across participating organizations over time.

CARE also continues to advance reuse through education and outreach. The Program conducts ongoing outreach to GCs, subcontractors, and demolition contractors on proper carpet tile tear-out protocols for salvaging carpet. In February 2025, CARE published a blog post highlighting a reuse success story in the Los Angeles area, [“CARE Connects Commercial Jobs with Reuse Opportunities”](#). In November 2025, another web post, [“CARE Facilitates Commercial Carpet Tile Reuse”](#), also included a reuse case study. CARE continues to work closely with carpet mills and the A&D community on project coordination and awareness, as described in Section 9.9, *Reuse Promotion*.

5.6 Gross Collection (Goal 7)

CCR 18944(a)(5)4. Amount (pounds) of post-consumer carpet collected, by weight, during the reporting period.

Gross Collection (GC, goal 7) is the California post-consumer carpet pounds—both broadloom and carpet tile—collected by Collector/Sorters and Processors as reported to the Program. As shown in Table 5-3, **Gross Collection totaled 78.5 million pounds** of post-consumer carpet in 2025, short of the annual goal of 91 million pounds, reflecting the decline in recycling markets in the second half of the year. GC in 2025 represented a 5% decrease from 82.7 million pounds in 2024 and a 4% decrease from the corrected 2021 baseline of 82.2 million pounds. Chapter 4 covers CARE’s many activities to increase Collection; additionally, CARE awards Grants (Chapter 6) and conducts marketing, education, and outreach (Chapter 9) to increase collection of post-consumer carpet.

As described in the July 2025 errata memorandum to CalRecycle, CARE identified a historical reporting issue related to *Gross Collection*. This change affected several metrics, including the *Collection Rate*, *Recycling Efficiency Rate (Yield)*, and *Total PCC Waste Disposal to Landfill*. The annual goals were based on the original 2021 baseline, which has since been corrected, though the annual goals have not yet been updated.

Carpet sales have continued to decline, resulting in less replacement carpet available for recycling and fewer tear-outs from the overall inventory of legacy carpet. Sales in 2025 were 7.6% lower compared to 2024, further diminishing tear-out opportunities. The impact of the January 2025 Southern California wildfires on recycling volumes is acknowledged, though it is considered relatively minor. Further monitoring may be necessary to assess any long-term effects.

5.7 Recycled Output & Disposal (Goal 8)

Recycled Output includes the portion of Gross Collection after processing that is shipped and sold as material to be used in manufacturing new or secondary products made with post-consumer recycled carpet content. Recycled Output (RO) is the sum of all Type 1 and Type 2 Recycled Output, plus Reuse. As shown in Table 5-3, **Recycled Output totaled 67.9 million pounds** in 2025, a 9% decrease from 2024 and negligibly higher than the 2021 baseline (67.6 million pounds). RO includes Reuse, Recycled Carpet Tile, Fiber (Recycled Fiber Type 1 Processed Output), Recycled PC4, Depolymerization, Filler, and Carcass, with quantities detailed in Table 2-2 on page 7. The

sharp decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025 resulted in reductions in Recycled Output.

Disposal is calculated from estimated Discards (see Section 5.11.2) minus Recycled Output, taking into account the portion of collected PCC that cannot be recycled due to contamination. Thus, increasing Recycled Output reduces Disposal (goal 8). As shown in Table 5-3, **Disposal totaled 116.6 million pounds** in 2025, a 3% decrease from 2024 and 33% lower than the 2021 baseline disposal of 175.2 million pounds. The Program did not reach its 2025 goal of reducing Disposal to 107 million pounds.

5.8 Recyclability (Goal 10)

CCR 18944(a)(5)6. Describe efforts to increase recyclability of carpets.

In its Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027, CARE committed to increasing the **Recyclability** (goal 10) of carpet. In 2024, CARE published an [Assessment of Post-Consumer Carpet Recyclability](#), with information from the four largest Processors and Collector/Sorters in California about amounts of nonrecyclable carpet constructions encountered, types of nonrecyclable carpet, and reasons why it was deemed not recyclable. CARE is working to apply the findings of this work to increase carpet recyclability. CARE hired MSW Consulting through a competitive RFP process to conduct a waste characterization study at CARE California public Drop-off Sites. The study focused on contamination at drop-off sites versus private collection sites with the goal of identifying ways to reduce contamination and increase carpet recyclability.

The PCC Characterization Study was conducted in 2024, and in September 2025 CARE posted the [Summary Report: Characterization of Carpet Constructions for California Carpet Recycling Facilities](#). Characterization results between entities (Processors and Collector/Sorters) showed a range of California-sourced PCC types that could not be easily recycled due to carpet constructions or unavoidable contamination, such as heavy glue. The percentage of nonrecyclable constructions was approximately 3% when weighted by Processor and Collector/Sorter size, based on Gross Collection in November 2024—meaning that approximately 97% of PCC collected during the characterization sampling was a recyclable carpet construction.

CARE staff identified that two of the most commonly found materials in the waste stream were wool and jute, and staff conducted an analysis to determine if this could be diverted to recycling by one fiber-agnostic processor. It was determined that volumes are too low to justify its collection and aggregation, however, as it could take up to three months of storage to accumulate one truckload, presenting a potential fire hazard and interruption to normal operations. CARE plans to reevaluate this topic in the future to

determine if the volume of wool and jute justifies shifting logistics to divert this material to recycling.

5.8.1 Increasing Recyclability: Recyclable PCC Types (Goal 10a)

CARE set a two-part goal for increasing Recyclability. **Goal 10a—Recyclable PCC Types** is a measure of the Program’s capacity to recycle the various fiber types of PCC that are collected. The fiber type may be polyethylene terephthalate (PET), nylon (Nylon 6 or Nylon 6,6), polypropylene (PP), polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT), or a mix of two or more fibers. Currently, all carpet as manufactured is technically recyclable. In practice, some PCC cannot be recycled due to contamination or is not recycled because the economics do not support recycling, the volume is insufficient, technology is unavailable, or end markets for Recycled Output are not available.

In 2025, CARE updated the inputs to the Recyclability formula through recycler surveys (those participating in the waste characterization study) and updated quantity data from recyclers. Each recycler was asked if the 2024 percentage of PCC disposed due to carpet design issues remained the same, decreased, or increased in 2025 based on annual observations. The percentages were then updated along with total material landfilled and total Recycled Output from each recycler in 2025.

The survey results indicated that **in 2025 the Program had the capacity to recycle approximately 97% of the various fiber types of PCC** that were collected, exceeding the goal of 75%. The 2021 baseline was estimated at 70% of PCC types, and the previous study estimated 97% Recyclability in 2024. The remaining 3% that were considered nonrecyclable included wool, jute, nonreusable tiles, broadloom with foam backing, and PCC with excessive glue or PVC contamination.

5.8.2 Increasing Recyclability: I&D Grants (Goal 10b)

Goal 10b—I&D Grants involves funding Innovation & Design Grants, which are covered in Section 6.6, starting on page 52. CARE **awarded two I&D Grants** in 2025, meeting the annual goal.

5.9 Source Reduction, Diversion & Disposition

The following sections cover additional activities and measures that are not part of the Program's annual performance goals: Source Reduction, Diversion from Landfill, and Disposition of Post-Consumer Carpet.

5.9.1 Source Reduction

CCR 18944(a)(5)3. Amount (pounds) of carpet source reduced, if measurable.

CARE is advancing source reduction and design for circularity to strengthen compliance, improve material recovery, and address declining market conditions. This approach integrates AB 863 requirements to enhance product traceability and program accountability. As California begins implementing AB 863, design-for-recyclability guidelines are an important area of exploration among CARE, carpet mills, and other stakeholders. Current conversations are focused on carpet design considerations, a guide for recyclability and circularity, and tools to support reuse, circularity, and recyclability.

In 2025, the average carpet weight was estimated at 4.29 pounds per square yard, a 2% increase from 4.22 pounds in 2024 and up from the 2021 baseline of 4.11 pounds per square yard. In 2025, Reuse (see Section 5.5) totaled 3.6 million pounds, representing a form of source reduction, by reusing existing carpet in place of purchasing new products. Other forms of source reduction are not measured. These efforts are part of CARE's commitment to advancing sustainability and a more circular economy within the carpet industry.

5.9.2 Diversion from Landfill

CCR 18944(a)(5)8. Describe efforts to increase diversion of post-consumer carpet from landfills.

Overall diversion of post-consumer carpet (PCC) from landfills is a goal of the Program. Diversion from landfill disposal includes Reuse, Recycled Output, CAAF, Kiln, WTE, and exported whole carpet. The Program increased diversion through its many efforts described throughout this report to increase collection of PCC and increase Recycled Output. (Carpet cushion/pad is not included in carpet diversion figures but does constitute additional landfill diversion as an auxiliary benefit of the Program. In 2025,

CARE collectors reported more than 13 million pounds of carpet cushion/pad diverted from California landfills.)

Diversion is the sum of Reuse, Recycled Output (Type 1, Type 2, PC4, Depolymerization, Filler, and Carcass), CAAF, Kiln, WTE, and exported whole carpet. Cushion/pad is not included in these totals. In 2025, reported **Diversion totaled 67,877,550 pounds**, a 9% decrease from 2024. Table 5-4 shows Diversion by type.

Table 5-4. Diversion from Landfill by Type (pounds)

Diversion from Landfill by Type	2021 Baseline	2024	2025
Reuse	829,815	2,894,786	3,560,359
Carpet Tile Recycled	770,086	808,615	713,912
Fiber	48,958,227	50,820,998	44,699,521
Depolymerization	0	0	0
PC4	17,064,673	20,336,814	18,890,040
Filler	0	0	0
Carcass	0	0	0
CAAF	0	0	0
Kiln	1,200	0	0
WTE	0	17,622	13,719
Exports	39,621	0	0
Diversion Totals	67,663,622	74,878,835	67,877,550

5.9.3 Disposition of Post-Consumer Carpet

CCR 18944(a)(5)5. Disposition, that is, amounts reused, recycled, incinerated for energy recovery or disposed of in a landfill; of collected post-consumer carpet, by pounds, during the reporting period.

CARE seeks to manage PCC in alignment with the solid waste management hierarchy described in the Carpet Stewardship Plan, prioritizing Source Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling, followed by CAAF or Kiln, then WTE, and Disposal in a landfill as a last resort. As confirmed in Section 8.5, *End-of-Life Materials Management Cost*, CARE does not expend assessment funds on or subsidize CAAF, engineered municipal solid waste conversion, cement kilns, or transformation. Table 5-5 provides Disposition

quantities for 2025 in pounds of post-consumer carpet collected, reused, recycled, combusted for energy recovery, and disposed of in a landfill.

Table 5-5. Disposition of Collected Post-Consumer Carpet (pounds)

Disposition	2025 Pounds
Gross Collection	78,517,075
Gross Collected – by Collectors/Sorters	12,930,086
Gross Collected – by Processors	65,586,989
Recycled Output (RO)	67,863,831
Reused (included in Recycled Output)	3,560,359
Recycled (Fiber, Tile, and PC4, included in RO)	64,303,472
Energy Recovery (CAAF, Kiln, WTE)	13,719
Disposed in Landfill (Process Waste of Collected PCC)	6,479,285

Appendix 11.4, *Disposition Facility Addresses: Collector/Sorters, Processors & Manufacturers*, provides facility names and addresses for Collector/Sorters, Tier 1 Processors, and Tier 2 Manufacturers participating in disposition of the Program's carpet collections.

5.10 Market Growth, Environmental Impacts & Jobs

This section describes market growth of secondary products (with more information in Chapter 7, Market Development), environmental benefits of carpet recycling, and job creation attributed to the Program.

5.10.1 Market Growth of Products

CCR 18944(a)(5)10. Describe efforts to increase the market growth of secondary products made from post-consumer carpet.

Chapter 7, *Market Development*, describes the Program's work to increase the market growth (goal 11) of secondary products made from post-consumer carpet content. As described in Section 7.2, *Market Development – Products & Vendors (Goal 11)*, the Program met its goals for 2024, with **131 products** from **32 vendors**.

5.10.2 Environmental Impacts

CCR 18944(a)(5)9. Describe other environmental impacts as data are available, e.g., green house gas emissions. Descriptions of any enforcement actions or problems related to plan implementation.

Increasing recycling of post-consumer carpet and reducing landfill disposal provides environmental benefits in California and beyond. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has identified recycled carpet as a material with significant potential for greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions, and a robust carpet recycling industry contributes to GHG reductions. Reductions in GHG emissions related to carpet reuse and recycling in California were calculated using the Excel-based USEPA [Waste Reduction Model \(WARM\)](#), as updated to Version 16 in December 2023.

Recycling and source reduction of carpet were estimated to result in the **net reduction of 83,924 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e)** in 2025, the equivalent of taking nearly 18,000 passenger vehicles off the road for one year.

The Program continued to follow and reinforce safeguards for the safe and legal use of Recycled Output and to follow revised guidelines on allowed PC4 uses as published in 2019. No payments for PC4 in land or compost applications in California have been made since 2018.

5.10.3 Green Jobs

CCR 18944(a)(5)11. Describe number of jobs attributable to the carpet stewardship program as data are available.

At the close of 2025, an estimated total of 190 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in California were attributed to Collector/Sorters, Tier 1 Processors, and Tier 2 Manufacturers receiving subsidy funds, a decrease of 36 FTEs from 2024. Reported job numbers are only for direct jobs within California and are submitted for quarters or months when a company submits a subsidy request. The total includes 12.75 California-based CARE Program staff and contractor FTEs. The figure does not include jobs at facilities located outside California, such as Tier 1 Processors and Tier 2 Manufacturers located in other states.

CARE estimates that 1.4 additional jobs are created for every job resulting from the PCC recycling industry in California, according to a 2016 University of South Carolina study by Von Nessen. Applying this assumption, the Program generated an estimated **456 direct and indirect FTE jobs** in California in 2025.

5.11 Measurement Methodology & Data Sources

CCR 18944(a)(5)(B)1. Report describes the measurement methodology, assumptions, conversion factors, and data sources.

The Program's measurement methodology, assumptions, conversion factors, and data sources are described in detail in the approved 2023–2027 Plan. This 2025 Annual Report follows the existing methodologies and data sources from the 2023–2027 Plan. Most variables are updated annually and draw on data from Program participants, which are independently audited, and from independent market research firms.

Two key metrics used in other calculations and goal-tracking are quantities of Carpet Sales and estimates of Carpet Discards, described in the following sections.

5.11.1 Carpet Sales

CCR 18944(a)(5)1. Amount of carpet sold by square yards and pounds, in the state during the reporting period that is covered under the approved stewardship plan. A stewardship organization with more than one manufacturer may use average weight.

Carpet sales in California totaled 49.0 million square yards in 2025. These figures are reported by Carpet Mills registered with CARE to an independent accounting firm. Carpet sales in California have decreased since the start of the Program and from the 2021 baseline year, as shown in Table 2-1. Sales have dropped substantially from pre-pandemic levels of 80.6 million square yards in 2019. Carpet sales decreased 8% from 2024 (53.1 million square yards) and decreased 27% from the 2021 baseline of 67.3 million square yards.

CARE conducts an annual confidential industry survey to compute the average weight of broadloom (residential and commercial) carpet and carpet tile sold in the United States. The average carpet weight in 2025 was estimated at a weighted average of **4.29 pounds per square yard**, up from 4.22 pounds per square yard in 2024 (Q3/Q4) and up from 4.11 pounds in the 2021 baseline year.

In 2025, CARE's independent accounting firm again undertook its annual Mill Surveys to gather data for program management, oversight, and market analysis. Responding mills represented more than 97% of the total reported square yard sales in 2025. The strong response rate and sales coverage validate the survey as a reliable tool for tracking program impacts, compliance trends, and manufacturing practices across mills.

5.11.2 Carpet Discards

CCR 18944(a)(5)2. Amount (pounds) of post-consumer carpet that is available for collection.

Discards of post-consumer carpet (PCC) were estimated at **184 million pounds** in 2025, a decrease of 5% from 2024 (195 million pounds) and a decrease of 24% from the 2021 baseline of 243 million pounds. These figures are based on the Discards calculation methodology presented in the approved 2023–2027 Plan, which continues the prior methodology from the 2018–2022 Plan. (A separate study reviewed this methodology but did not reach agreement on updates prior to setting goals for the 2023–2027 Plan. Any changes to this fundamental metric of the Program would affect the baselines upon which statutory and regulatory recycling rate goals are set.)

The calculation is based on the following formula and variables, with 2025 values shown in Table 5-6:

$$\text{Discards} = S * R * P * (1 + D + DS)$$

S = Sales: Carpet sales (square yards) in California for the reporting period. Sales data comes from the independent accounting firm Aprio, which collects the confidential sales data from the Carpet Mills registered with CARE.

R = Replacement: Percentage of carpet that is replacement—that is, carpet replacing existing carpet. This rate is derived as the weighted average from the residential and commercial sectors and is reported by Market Insights, LLC.

P = Density: Average weight of carpet per square yard. CARE gathers and analyzes raw industry data (in a confidential carpet mill survey conducted by an independent auditor) to calculate the weighted averages of pounds per square yard of carpet tile and broadloom carpet used in the commercial and residential sectors.

D = Demolition: Pounds of carpet from demolition projects that were not replaced. *D* is converted to pounds by multiplying the percentage by the product of $S * R * P$ —that is, applying the demolition percentage to the replacement quantity by weight. The demolition data are gathered by Market Insights, LLC. Note that demolition represents the teardown of a building. The volume of carpet resulting from this process is estimated.

DS = Deselection: Pounds of carpet removed but not replaced by carpet—that is, the removal of carpet for the replacement by another flooring material. Deselection ($DS = \text{Replacement in pounds} * \text{Deselection rate}$) is estimated based on review of historical trend data.

Table 5-6. Discards Methodology Variables in 2025

Variable	Description	2025	Source
S	Sales (square yards)	49,011,571	Accounting firm (Aprio, LLP)
R	Replacement rate (%)	0.86	Market Insights, Inc.
P	Average weight of carpet per square yard (pounds)	4.29	CARE/Aprio annual industry survey
D	Pounds of carpet from demolition projects not replaced (%)	0.012	Market Insights, Inc.
DS	Deselection: Pounds of carpet removed but not replaced by carpet (%)	0.008	Market Insights, Inc.
Discards	$S * R * P * (1 + D + DS)$	184,439,756	Calculation

6 Grants

This chapter describes CARE's grant programs and includes the following sections:

- 6.1. Grants Overview
- 6.2. Grant Selection & Management
- 6.3. Capital Improvement Grants
- 6.4. Product Testing Grants
- 6.5. Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse
- 6.6. Innovation & Design Grants (Goal 10b)
- 6.7. Union Training Grants for Journey & Apprentice Installers
- 6.8. Additional Grant-Related Activities

6.1 Grants Overview

In 2025, the California Carpet Stewardship Program managed the following types of grants to advance and achieve carpet stewardship goals:

- Capital Improvement Grants
- Product Testing Grants
- Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse
- Innovation & Design Grants
- Union Training Grants (new in 2025)

CARE's carpet stewardship grants are designed to increase the following participants and activities to achieve carpet recycling goals:

- Number and capacity of Tier 1 Processors and Tier 2 Manufacturers.
- Number and variety of recycled carpet content products with increasing PCC.
- Testing and development support for reformulated products, to explore new uses for recycled carpet content and to ensure these products perform as required.
- Additional collection for reuse and processing of PCC through new or existing programs with support for infrastructure and equipment needs.
- More environmentally preferable PCC-content products and carpet designs.
- Support for cost-effective and efficient identification technology for PCC sorting.

As shown in Table 6-1, CARE awarded new grant funds in 2025 for Capital Improvement, Product Testing, Micro-Grants, and Innovation & Design Grants. The table summarizes grant funds approved for payout in 2025, from both current and previous grant cycles:

- **Capital Improvement Grants** are numbered sequentially and labeled as “A” cycle grants, with Cycle 7A awarded in 2025. Four new capital grants were awarded in 2025, and activities continued for previously awarded grants.
- **Product Testing Grants** are labeled as “B” cycle. Cycle 6B covers 2025–2026.
- **Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse** are known as “M” cycle, with Cycle 5M covering 2025–2026.
- **Innovation & Design Grants**, the “I&D” cycle, were launched in 2022, and the third round (Cycle 3 I&D) covers 2025–2026.
- **Union Training Grants for Journey & Apprentice Installers** were launched in line with AB 863 requirements, and a solicitation was released in July 2025.

Table 6-1. Summary of Grant Funding in 2025

Cycle	Grant Type	Year Awarded	Approved for Payment in 2025	2025 New Funds Awarded
7A	Capital Improvement	2025	\$622,743	\$1,565,444
6A	Capital Improvement	2023	\$39,391	\$0
6B	Product Testing	2025	\$31,715	\$50,000
5B	Product Testing	2024	\$32,000	\$0
5M	Micro Grants	2024–2025	\$94,685	\$66,885
I&D 1–3	Innovation & Design Grants	2023–2025	\$186,990	\$92,000
Totals	All Grant Types	2023–2025	\$1,007,524	\$1,774,329

*Table Notes: Grant totals do not sum to exact total due to rounding. Grants awarded in 2025 and totals are shown in **bold**. Funds approved for payout may be posted to prior or future years, in accordance with accounting principles.*

6.2 Grant Selection & Management

The process of awarding grants involves engaging with an independent technical advisory committee (TAC) and follows a formal protocol in alignment with criteria outlined in the Program's grant solicitations. The TAC brings complementary expertise and experience to the process. Each member must sign a code of conduct and ethics before beginning review. While some members of the TAC have expertise in carpet recycling, no members are currently working in the carpet recycling industry as this would create an unallowable conflict of interest. The TAC members bring more than a century of combined years of experience in financial and business management, recycling and manufacturing, product development, and local government zero waste policy. This work is not an exact science, and the Program continues to refine its selection and evaluation protocols over time.

To track grant results and progress toward recycling targets, the Program engages in site visits, consultation, written reports, and signed Agreed Upon Procedures (AUPs) with grantees. The Grants Manager conducts a quarterly review to evaluate actual performance in comparison with contract commitments. Tasks include the following:

- All new grantees complete contracts and submit quarterly reports. Each completed project must submit a final report before its 10% retention funding is released. (Retentions are not held on micro-grant projects.)
- Ongoing monitoring of past grantees ensures commitments are met and any project hurdles are overcome.
- CARE runs AUPs for up to four of its grantees, with at least one AUP per cycle, where possible. AUPs tend to focus on grantees awarded larger sums of money or experiencing financial or project hurdles.
- CARE processes payment requests for reimbursement as needed by the grantee and within the grantee's contract term. The Program follows a strict, multiple-step review and signature protocol for release of funds.
- CARE sends stickers to grantees to identify grant-funded equipment as well as large decals to recipients of collection containers. CARE requires grantees to send a photo to the Grant Manager for proof of installation. Stickers and decals on grant-funded equipment are verified during site visits and in-person AUPs.
- CARE collects serial numbers for all grant-funded equipment as well as photos of equipment before reimbursement is approved. Locations of grant-funded containers must also be disclosed before payment is approved. In accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), a UCC-1 statement is filed to secure CARE's lien once equipment is purchased under a Capital Improvement Grant.

6.3 Capital Improvement Grants

CARE's **Capital Improvement Grants (Cycle A)** fund capital improvement and infrastructure; equipment; and construction, renovation, or expansion of collection, processing, or manufacturing facilities that manage or use California-generated PCC. The grants can also be used for partnerships intended to increase the use of Recycled Output. The goal is to “increase the quantity (pounds) of California-generated PCC that is collected, recycled, and used in manufacturing of Tier 2 recycled products” during the 2-year grant term plus at least 3 years beyond the grant term. Both public and private entities are eligible for awards up to \$500,000.

A Cycle 7A project solicitation was posted in late 2024 and grant applications were due on March 31, 2025. In 2025 CARE made four awards to California-based companies and allocated roughly \$1.565 million. Two of the awards went to projects deferred from Cycle 6A in 2023. The program plans to allocate approximately \$1.5 million to this program every other year, in line with the two-year project terms.

Cycle 7A requires that all new projects are based in California. The Program has allocated approximately 90% of funding for California-based projects since its inception. As required by AB 1158, **Highest Recyclability** is considered during grant proposal evaluation, with the Highest Recyclability score weighted at 15% of the total proposal score. (The Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027 defines Highest Recyclability in Table 6-2 based on ease of deconstruction, markets, energy savings, and other factors.)

6.3.1 Capital Grant Results in 2025

Grant-funded capital projects launched in 2025 or earlier (36 total grants to 21 individual entities) resulted in approximately 50 million pounds of Recycled Output or PCC in finished secondary products in 2025, along with an estimated 24 million additional pounds of PCC collected for recycling or reused, as a result of grant funding.

Grants were awarded to the following four projects in 2025: Together, they are projected to increase Tier 1 or Tier 2 Recycled Output annually by 2.7 million pounds in year one and by 15.2 million pounds by year five, and gross collections annually by 13 million pounds.

- **Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC**, Anaheim (\$372,743 total award, with \$372,743 paid in 2025). The funds were awarded for equipment to collect additional PCC from new sites in Southern California.
- **Circular Polymers by Ascend**, Lincoln (\$500,000 total award, \$0 paid in 2025). The company will use the grant funding to expand its Northern California

processing operations by adding a third line of its proprietary RIS technology. The company will also add technology to further clean its PC4 for potential inclusion in new carpet.

- **Kian Green Up LLC**, Anaheim (\$500,000 total award, with \$250,000 in 2025). This grant was awarded to establish pelletizing equipment for Tier 2 manufacturing for new products. This grant helped establish a new California recycler and the first pelletizing infrastructure in California.
- **Moto's Transportation**, Elk Grove (\$192,701 total award, \$0 paid in 2025). Funds were awarded to this transportation company to establish and service new, small-to-medium-sized PCC collection sites in the Bay Area and Sacramento area. The grant will purchase various size containers and a forklift.

6.4 Product Testing Grants

CARE's **Product Testing Grants (Cycle B)** fund activities focused on product testing, research and development, and similar activities to enhance PCC collection, recycling, and use in manufacturing. This applies to feedstock conversion projects, new or reformulated products, or feasibility studies for new uses of PCC materials. The goal is to provide "assistance to eligible applicants to research, develop, and test new products or reformulate existing products produced using PCC material generated in California." This Cycle targets a funding level of 75% or more for California projects.

6.4.1 New Product Testing Grants in 2025 (Cycle 6B)

CARE made one Product Testing grant award in 2025 under Cycle 6B. The grant term is limited to one year.

- **River AI Design**, Encino (\$50,000 total award, \$31,715 paid in 2025). This project is exploring inclusion of PCC fibers in 3D-printed concrete products built for the architectural industry.
- CARE closed out one project, **Electronic Fix**, located in Tampa, Florida, with \$32,000 paid in 2025. The project supported the firm in finding new parts and technological solutions to repair the Microphazir fiber identification (ID) devices used by recyclers. A new generation of fiber ID devices is now on the market.

6.4.2 Product Testing Grant Results in 2025

Multiple Product Testing Grants that were awarded previously continued their work in 2025, including the following new activities (no payments were made in 2025).

- **3B Protection** (\$200,000 total award) continues to sell its ballistic and blast protection products, made with PCC aggregate inclusion, to projects in California and the southwestern United States. 3B intends to open a manufacturing plant in Sacramento and complete a Sacramento-based project using PCC in 2026.
- **CMJ Systems** (\$198,700) work on the use of PET in nonstructural cement applications has been transferred to Arizona State University, where testing continues under a CARE Innovation & Design grant.
- **Visions Environmental** (\$50,147) is continuing testing of PC4-content lightweight aggregate in civil engineering applications through further study at the University of California—Davis under a CARE Innovation & Design grant.

6.5 Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse

CARE's **Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse (Cycle M)** award up to \$15,000 per project, to California public agencies, nonprofits, public or private businesses, public Drop-off Sites, and Collector/Sorters for new and existing collection or reuse programs. CARE allocated \$100,000 for this cycle in 2025. The goal is to achieve additional collection or reuse through infrastructure improvements (to support localized hauling) and/or equipment (such as weather covers). Due to the continuing need to increase collections and bring on new Drop-off Sites, Cycle M now remains open throughout the year—called an “evergreen” cycle—as a commitment to enhancing convenient collection efforts. Entities are given one year to complete projects. CARE also allocates an additional \$100,000 for Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse to California unionized apprentices and journey-level installers.

6.5.1 Collection & Reuse Micro-Grants in 2025 (Cycle 5M)

The following new Micro-Grants for Collection & Reuse were awarded in 2025, all in California:

- **Circular Polymers by Ascend**, Lincoln (\$15,000 total award, \$0 paid in 2025). This company was awarded a grant to purchase three new fiber identification devices from Matoha and share field data with CARE.

- **La Mesa Flooring**, La Mesa (\$6,885 total award, \$0 paid in 2025). This retailer received funding for a customized trailer to collect and store PCC for recycling.
- **Recology Auburn Placer**, Auburn (\$15,000 total award, \$3,454 paid in 2025). This CARE public DoS was awarded a secure container lid to keep its PCC clean and dry before transport to a recycler.
- **Repurpose Earth**, Union City and Anaheim (\$15,000 awards made to each site, \$23,373 total paid in 2025). Repurpose Earth was awarded various equipment for its new and existing site to increase collection and reuse of carpet tile.

Together, the newly awarded projects anticipate collecting for recycling or reuse more than 1.2 million pounds total on an annual basis.

6.5.2 Other Micro-Grants Completed in 2025

In 2025, five micro-grantees finished projects and were fully reimbursed:

- **Circular Polymers by Ascend**, Lincoln (\$13,625 paid in 2025), container placed at new private drop-off site for PCC collection.
- **Cristal Materials**, Compton (\$15,000 paid in 2025), two new private PCC collection sites established in Southern California.
- **Transportek**, Fresno (\$14,753 paid in 2025), container for a new private PCC collection site.
- **Washoe Woodford's**, Alpine County (\$15,000 paid in 2025), infrastructure for new public PCC drop-off site in Alpine County, to support rural county and convenient collection goals.
- **WSL**, Union City (\$9,480 paid in 2025), fencing to create security for a high-volume private PCC collection site.

6.6 Innovation & Design Grants (Goal 10b)

CARE initiated **Innovation & Design Grants (Cycle I&D)** as a new grant cycle in 2022. The I&D grants are designed to seed projects that create more recyclable carpet constructions and environmentally preferable PCC-content products, invest in markets and technology to increase carpet recyclability, work with mills on guidance to inform future carpet designs, and support collection infrastructure to decrease contamination. CARE discussed recycling and carpet design bottlenecks with several potential applicants, ranging from private companies to universities.

CARE awarded two new I&D grants in 2025:

- **Brightworks Sustainability** (\$50,000 total award, \$27,420 paid in 2025). The team at Brightworks conducted a discovery and stakeholder engagement process to produce a framework for a Guide for Circularity for the carpet industry.
- **Tarkett** in partnership with **Georgia Tech** (\$42,000 total award, \$37,800 paid in 2025). This project investigated the possibility of diverting 100 percent of PCC processing waste through Mycocyte fungi. A final report is expected in July 2026.

The following projects continued through 2025:

- **University of California—Santa Barbara** (\$100,000 total award, \$19,978 paid in 2025). This project under the green chemistry department is exploring environmentally preferable processes for depolymerization of carpet tile fibers to recycle these currently nonrecyclable components. It also includes a lifecycle analysis which will study this recycling method versus landfilling and mechanical recycling. The project is scheduled to conclude in 2026.
- **West Virginia University (WVU)**, Morgantown, West Virginia (\$100,000 total award, \$32,864 paid in 2025). The university was awarded a grant to explore environmentally preferable applications for PC4 material, specifically for concrete nonstructural applications for the construction industry. It also included a commercial testing and business case component. The project concluded in 2025, and CARE is exploring how to scale this successful test project.
- **Arizona State University**, Phoenix, Arizona (\$100,000 total award, \$39,691 paid in 2025). This project is investigating the use of PET fibers in nonstructural concrete applications.
- **University of California—Davis** (\$100,000 total award, \$29,235 paid in 2025). This innovation project is studying the physical characteristics of lightweight aggregate made in California using PC4 material. It will make suggestions for improving these characteristics and potentially making the product more sustainable. The project will include a lifecycle analysis comparing this post-consumer content aggregate to traditional materials.

CARE launched a fourth cycle of I&D awards in late 2025, with project applications due March 31, 2026.

6.7 Union Training Grants for Journey & Apprentice Installers

In July 2025, CARE published a solicitation for eligible projects that support Union training, including supplies and equipment, aimed at increasing carpet recycling in accordance with AB 863. CARE did not receive any applications in line with the solicitation in 2025 but continued to work with unions to develop a second solicitation for release in early 2026. CARE worked with union groups in 2025 on determining the total amount of funds to be allocated to support apprenticeships and journey-level training. Program staff also worked with unions to obtain compliant grant proposals which would support training programs. Section 9.3, *Union Training Support*, provides more information on Union training grant activities for apprentice and journey-level installers.

6.8 Additional Grant-Related Activities

In addition to the grant activities described previously in this chapter, other grant-related actions in 2025 included the following:

- Two AUPs were completed in the Capital Improvement Grant Cycle.
- A new case study was created for the WVU Innovation & Design project to discuss the success and hurdles in using PC4 in fiber-reinforced polymer composite products. The project included work with Bedford Reinforced Plastics on industrial-scale pultrusion manufacturing. The case study, “[CARE Innovation Grant Advances Sustainable Composites](#),” is available on CARE’s website, along with other grant case studies.

7 Market Development

CCR 18944(a)(6) Market Development. *The annual report shall include a description of possible market development activities to incentivize the market growth of secondary products made from post-consumer carpet.*

This chapter includes the following sections:

- 7.1. Market Development Overview
- 7.2. Market Development – Products & Vendors (Goal 11)
- 7.3. Product Development & New Recycled Products
- 7.4. Technical Assistance & Outreach
- 7.5. Market Development Policy Support
- 7.6. Conferences & Market Development

7.1 Market Development Overview

The Program continues to support PCC recyclers and manufacturers in advancing processing technologies and expanding end-market applications through targeted product testing grants, capital investment support, technical assistance, and technical assistance funding. In 2025, product development efforts remained focused on feedstock conversion and upcycling strategies designed to increase the value and utility of PCC materials. These initiatives focus on integrating PCC-derived inputs into existing secondary product formulations, as well as developing new products that incorporate PCC materials as primary components.

As described in Chapter 6, grants for product testing and research & development generated technical insights and demonstrated progress in emerging applications. Notable areas of advancement included the use of PC4 in fiber-reinforced pultrusion plastics, nonstructural cement applications, lightweight aggregates, road-base fills, and incorporation of polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene terephthalate (PET) pellets in automotive applications.

Nylon materials historically represent the preferred feedstock for higher-value applications, particularly as supplemental inputs blended with virgin raw materials in extrusion processes to produce recycled post-consumer content pellets. While technical development milestones were reached, market conditions were challenging throughout 2025, and it became nearly impossible to move Nylon 6 or Nylon 6,6 in the second half

the year. Demand constraints across multiple material categories presented challenges for commercialization, and such pressures are expected to continue in 2026.

CARE continues its long-standing commitment to market and product development, while supporting recycling capacity expansion in California through technical assistance and targeted grants. Program implementation is strengthened through these team members and contractors:

- **Technical Assistance:** Marketing Collaborative (Frank Endrenyi).
- **Grants Management:** Abbie Beane.
- **Marketing, Communications, and Government Outreach:** Gigantic Idea Studio and Circlepoint.
- **Direct Industry Engagement:** CARE California Co-Director Rob Thiess, working closely with recyclers, CARE's CEO and Executive Director, and the CARE California team.

Product and Market Development Priorities in 2025

In 2025, CARE focused on strengthening in-state manufacturing capacity in California and expanding end markets for PCC materials through the following actions:

- Supporting growth of recycled carpet manufacturing in California, including the addition of Apex Group (Hemet) to expand PCC recycling capacity.
- Supporting Kian Green Up (Anaheim) with grant-funded compounding and pelletizing equipment.
- Expanding CARE's reach for alternative end uses for PCC materials across existing product categories.
- Seeking additional Tier 2 manufacturers to use PCC materials in new products.
- Expanding carpet tile reuse outlets to increase material sent to reuse markets.
- Advancing green building and public procurement standards to drive demand for recycled-content products.
- Engaging manufacturers to incorporate PCC materials into new and existing product lines.
- Promoting recycled carpet products at trade shows and industry events, reinforcing the message that "Carpet is Recyclable."
- Continuing confidential collaboration with Eastman Chemical and other molecular recycling potential partners.

- Providing ongoing technical support to recyclers on feedstocks, processing technologies, and emerging markets.
- Conducting regular ash and moisture testing of California PCC to ensure accurate subsidy payments.
- Addressing new carpet mill requirements within AB 863, including backstamping, carpet-to-carpet circular content, and mass balance principles.

Backstamping Carpet to Support Recycling

Backstamping involves applying specific markings on carpet to ensure traceability and compliance with regulatory standards. To support implementation of AB 863's requirements for backstamping carpet products sold in California, CARE is advancing a coordinated strategy with industry stakeholders including the following efforts:

- Convening industry stakeholders to standardize required backstamping elements and formatting conventions, such as listing fiber content from highest to lowest percentage.
- Exploring financial incentives and grant opportunities to assist small and mid-sized manufacturers with technological upgrades.
- Aligning traceability requirements with investments in recycling infrastructure.
- Developing centralized training resources for manufacturers and recyclers.
- Engaging technology providers to identify scalable, cost-effective automated backstamping solutions.

Durable, on-product labeling of fiber type, polymer composition, and manufacturer enables verification of compliant products in the market, enhanced CalRecycle enforcement and oversight, linkage of materials to producer responsibility, and reduction of non-compliant materials.

7.2 Market Development – Products & Vendors (Goal 11)

CARE measures **Market Development** progress according to:

- Number of **products** containing PCC recycled content, as reported by **vendors**, including both participating and non-participating manufacturers.
- **Pounds** of Tier 2 materials used in the manufacture of recycled products, as reported by Tier 2 Manufacturers.

The Program **met or exceeded the 2025 annual goals** for new products, total products, new vendors, and total vendors using California-sourced PCC. The 2021 baseline was 103 products from 27 vendors.

The total number of products (goal 11a) manufactured with recycled-carpet content was **131 products** in 2025, including **28 new** products—exceeding the annual goal of 111 products with 3 new products. (Note that product counts are not necessarily equivalent to stock-keeping units, or SKU numbers. Depending on the manufacturer, different thickness or weights of a product line may be counted as separate products, while other attributes such as varying lengths or colors may be counted as a single product.) CARE measures this progress by gathering annual data from product manufacturers and recyclers using California-sourced PCC-content.

In total, **32 Manufacturers** (including companies that did not collect subsidies) made products with California-sourced PCC in 2025, including **14 manufacturers in California** and **3 new vendors**. CARE met the annual goal (goal 11b) of 32 vendors and exceeded the goal of 2 new vendors in 2025. Of the Tier 2 Manufacturers reporting to the Program in 2025, a total of 11 active Tier 2 Manufacturers requested and received subsidy payments in 2025 (shown in Table 4-6 on page 24), the same as in the previous year. (Manufacturer listings are voluntary and may not include all available products containing California PCC, particularly if the manufacturer is not participating in CARE’s subsidy program.)

Manufacturer output totaled 44.6 million pounds in 2025, an increase of 5% from 2024. Table 4-7 on page 24 shows the growth in Tier 2 materials used in the manufacture of recycled products, as reported by Manufacturers. Participating Tier 2 Manufacturers reported recycled product outputs in the following categories in 2025:

- **33% Thermoplastic Pellets**, including Polypropylene and Nylon 6, used in a variety of new plastic products.
- **30% PC4 (Calcium Carbonate)**, used in variety of products such as rubber mats, transition ramps, cement, adsorbents, and lightweight aggregate.

- **9% Building Materials**, such as insulation and plastic lumber.
- **4% Underlayment/Felts**, such as carpet cushion.
- **Less than 1% Geotextiles**, such as erosion control products.
- **24% Miscellaneous**, such as adsorbent, bedding, and packaging.

7.3 Product Development & New Recycled Products

Product development activities to expand the use of California Recycled Output in new products in 2025 included the following company efforts:

- **Circular Polymers by Ascend** continues to develop its higher-value outlets for post-consumer carpet materials, with a growing presence in the automotive, trucking, and motorcycle industries. The company is also actively developing new outlets for polypropylene (PP) derived from tradeshow and event carpeting, a segment with significant diversion potential.
- **Kian Green Up**, recipient of a CARE capital equipment grant in 2025, is in the early stages of developing outlets for modified pellets that use PCC fiber sourced from various producers within California. The equipment grant reflects CARE's continued investment in building domestic processing capacity, and Kian Green Up's development of value-added pellet products represents a promising pathway for converting PCC into marketable raw materials for manufacturers.
- **Los Angeles Fiber Company** continues to sell reclaimed carpet materials into the non-woven industry, where recovered fibers are used in a range of applications including insulation, padding, and filtration products. The company is actively strengthening its end-user network, expanding relationships with manufacturers that can absorb greater volumes of reclaimed material and help sustain a reliable market for PCC fiber in California and beyond.

The Program provides a [video](#) and additional information about [Recycled Carpet-Derived Products](#) on the CARE California website.

7.4 Technical Assistance & Outreach

CARE continues to provide technical and business development assistance to Processors, Manufacturers, and their potential customers on a confidential basis. Technical assistance and product testing support are described in Section 6.4, *Product Testing Grants* starting on page 50.

7.5 Market Development Policy Support

Building on existing progress, CARE advanced several policy-related and market-driven initiatives in support of products manufactured with PCC content, including the following:

- Conducted targeted marketing outreach to sustainability leaders and State procurement professionals, including implementation of a Local Government Task Force (refer to Section 9.7, *Local & State Government Outreach*).
- Wrote the accepted inclusion into the California Green Book to add Post-Consumer Carpet as a new category.
- Supported enhancements to Gensler's Global Product Sustainability Program (GPS v2.0), incorporating language for deconstruction, remodeling, and new construction projects requiring commercial broadloom and carpet tile products to include an active take-back program managed by the manufacturer or an approved third-party producer responsibility organization.
- Increased Reuse collection volumes in 2025 through expanded educational outreach to general contractors, subcontractors, A&D firms, building owners, and building management companies.
- Provided ongoing technical assistance and outreach to companies currently using recycled-content materials or with the potential to incorporate PCC into their products.
- Coordinated marketing and promotional business assistance with CARE's education & outreach team, Gigantic Idea Studio, and Circlepoint, to support materials collection, product expansion, and sales growth.

7.6 Conferences & Market Development

7.6.1 Market Development-Related Conference Participation

In 2025, CARE's Market Development Manager and Co-Director participated in conferences and meetings to support the development and expansion of markets for recycled carpet products under the California Carpet Stewardship Program.

Participation at in-person conferences included the following:

- California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO)
- California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA)
- Green Build, American Institute of Architects (AIA), San Diego

- Green Build International Conference, Los Angeles
- Gensler, Washington, D.C. (GPS 2.0)
- Bay Area Sustainability Construction Leadership (BASCL)
- International Facility Management Association (IFMA)

In addition, the CARE market development team met with and presented to A&D firms, general contractors, and property management companies including the following:

- Gensler San Francisco
- Turner Construction
- Webcor Skyline Construction
- Bay View Construction
- Truebeck Construction
- Richlan Construction
- Novo
- BCCI/Structuretone
- HDR
- GCI
- CBRE
- Columbia Property Trust

Further conference and outreach activities are detailed in Section 9.10.5, *Conferences & Events*.

7.6.2 Convention Carpet Outreach

Trade show carpeting is widely used at conventions throughout California and is often disposed of after a single use. To promote reuse and recycling, CARE developed and distributed outreach materials and conducted targeted email campaigns in 2025 to convention centers and tradeshow flooring providers. These efforts resulted in carpet material being collected for recycling from the Orange County Auto Show at the Anaheim Convention Center and from the Academy Awards (Oscars), among others.

8 Financing Mechanisms

CCR 18944(a)(7) Financing Mechanism. *The annual report shall include a description and evaluation of the program's financing mechanism, including whether or not the funding was sufficient to recover, but not exceed, the full cost of the stewardship program. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following total program cost information, and include any supporting documentation. Any proposed change in the amount of the carpet stewardship assessment fee must be submitted to the department for re-approval.*

This chapter explains the Program's financing mechanisms in the following sections:

- 8.1. Financing Mechanisms Overview
- 8.2. Program Income – Carpet Assessment Funds
- 8.3. Total Program Cost
- 8.4. Subsidy & Grant Payouts
- 8.5. End-of-Life Materials Management Costs
- 8.6. Education & Communications Costs
- 8.7. Program Administration & Governance Costs

8.1 Financing Mechanisms Overview

As described in this chapter, the Program is funded through the collection of an assessment on carpet sold in California. The following numbers are reported in accordance with the accrual basis accounting method:

- **2025 Starting Fund Balance:** \$7.0 million.
- **2025 Total Income:** \$53.1 million, consisting primarily of assessment remittances paid by participating Carpet Mills (see Section 8.2), plus a small amount in interest and late fees.
- **2025 Total Expenses:** \$37.3 million (see Section 8.3).
- **2025 Ending Fund Balance:** \$22.9 million.
- **2025 Ending Program Reserve:** \$18.1 million (see Section 8.2.3).

Additional sections of this chapter provide other cost details requested in Carpet Stewardship Law, including End-of-Life Materials Management Costs (Section 8.5), Education & Communications Costs (Section 8.6), and Program Administration, Governance, and Local Government costs (Section 8.7).

8.2 Program Income – Carpet Assessment Funds

8.2.1 Assessment Amounts & Aggregate Assessment Funds

CCR 18944(a)(7)(I). Amount of the assessment, aggregate assessment funds collected, how spent and amounts of each major expenditure

With CalRecycle’s approval, the Program initiated a system of Carpet Differential Assessment (CDA) in 2022 to support increases in recycling and to comply with the requirements of AB 729. The CDA applies the lowest rate to broadloom carpet with at least 10% post-consumer content and the highest rate to carpet tile with less than 10% post-consumer content. Table 8-1 shows the CDA in effect in January 2025. Rates ranged from \$0.68 per square yard for broadloom carpet with 10% or higher post-consumer content to \$0.99 for carpet tile with less than 10% post-consumer content.

Table 8-1. Differential Assessment per Square Yard of Carpet Sales, Effective January 1–31, 2025

Carpet Material	At least 10% Post-Consumer Content	Less than 10% Post-Consumer Content
Broadloom Carpet	\$0.68	\$0.70
Carpet Tile	\$0.97	\$0.99

In December 2024, CalRecycle approved an updated CDA, which increased carpet assessments effective February 1, 2025. Table 8-2 shows these higher CDA amounts, which were in effect for the remaining 11 months of 2025. The new CDA ranges from \$0.96 to \$1.49 per square yard, depending on carpet type and recycled content.

Table 8-2. Differential Assessment per Square Yard of Carpet Sales, Effective February 1–December 31, 2025

Carpet Material	At least 10% Post-Consumer Content	Less than 10% Post-Consumer Content
Broadloom Carpet	\$0.96	\$1.05
Carpet Tile	\$1.40	\$1.49

In 2025, broadloom carpet represented 82% of sales in California, while carpet tile composed 18%. While carpet tile contributed less than one-fifth of sales, the portion of sales with at least 10% post-consumer content was larger for carpet tile than for broadloom carpet.

In 2025, the aggregate assessment funds collected totaled \$53.1 million. The assessment funds were spent as shown in Table 8-3. No assessment funds were expended for penalties or costs associated with litigation against the state.

8.2.2 Assessment Rate Evaluation

CCR 18944(a)(7)(K). An evaluation of the assessment rate

CARE evaluates assessment amounts and aggregate assessment funds on an ongoing basis. CARE reviews actual reported results and subsidy payments against budgeted projections to better understand recycling marketplace dynamics and to update and refine the financial model. CARE conducts regular reviews of the Differential Assessment, and several assessment increases have been necessary to meet Plan requirements and support Program implementation. When changes to the assessment amounts are warranted, CARE will continue to seek approval per statute of those changes from CalRecycle after consulting with the Advisory Committee as required.

To meet the revised reserve requirement in the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027, CARE requested an assessment increase in Plan Amendment #2 in November 2024, which CalRecycle approved in December 2024. The new assessments took effect February 1, 2025, as noted in the previous section. The increases enabled CARE to meet the reserve fund requirements, as described in Section 8.2.3, by year-end 2025.

8.2.3 Surplus Funding, Fund Balance & Reserve

CCR 18944(a)(7)(J) Surplus funding, if any, and how it will be applied to reduce program costs

The starting fund balance at the beginning of 2025 was \$7.0 million. In 2025, Program revenues totaled \$53.1 million, consisting primarily of assessment remittances paid by participating Carpet Mills, plus a small amount in interest and late fees. Total expenditures in the form of subsidy payouts and other expenses totaled \$37.3 million, or 70% of remittances. The Program did not have surplus funding in 2025, and assessment increases were necessary to meet the increased reserve requirement while supporting other Plan goals.

At the close of 2025, the Program's total ending fund balance was \$22.9 million, and the 6-month reserve was calculated at **\$18.1 million**. The reserve was calculated on a quarterly basis, based on the last 6 months of subsidies and expenses. The February 2025 assessment increases enabled the Program to meet AB 863's requirement to maintain reserve funds sufficient to operate for no less than 6 months by year-end 2025.

8.3 Total Program Cost

CCR 18944(a)(7)(A). Total Program Cost

Table 8-3 shows how the Total Program Cost of \$37.3 million in 2025 was allocated among Subsidy Payouts, Program Expenses, and Administrative Expenses.

Table 8-3. Total Program Expenditures in 2024 and 2025 (thousands of dollars)

Program Expenditures (in thousands of dollars)	2024 Total	2024 % of Total	2025 Total	2025 % of Total
Subsidy Payouts: Collector/Sorters (CSEs)	\$3,764	10.6%	\$3,945	10.6%
Subsidy Payouts: Tier 1 Processors	\$13,442	38.0%	\$12,419	33.3%
Subsidy Payouts: Tier 2 Manufacturers	\$10,372	29.3%	\$11,222	30.1%
Subsidy Payouts Subtotal (accrual)	\$27,579	77.9%	\$27,586	74.0%
Program Expenses: Advisory Committee	\$6	0.0%	\$4	0.0%
Program Expenses: Education & Outreach	\$1,344	3.8%	\$1,195	3.2%
Program Expenses: Collections Program	\$2,534	7.2%	\$3,396	9.1%
Program Expenses: Grants	\$369	1.0%	\$1,280	3.4%
Program Expenses: Technical Assistance	\$514	1.5%	\$221	0.6%
Program Expenses: CalRecycle Fees	\$556	1.6%	\$712	1.9%
Program Expenses Subtotal	\$5,324	15.0%	\$6,789	18.2%
Admin: CARE Admin Expenses (Office)	\$68	0.2%	\$60	0.2%
Admin: Direct Expenses (CARE)	\$1,329	3.8%	\$1,436	3.9%
Admin: Direct Support (CARE)	\$512	1.4%	\$604	1.6%
Admin: Legal	\$42	0.1%	\$143	0.4%
Admin: Accounting	\$549	1.6%	\$657	1.8%
Admin: Bad Debt	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Administrative Expenses Subtotal	\$2,500	7.1%	\$2,900	7.8%
TOTAL Expenses	\$35,403	100.0%	\$37,275	100.0%

Table Notes: This table shows CARE expenditures in thousands of dollars, including Subsidy Payouts, Program Expenses, and Administrative (Admin) Expenses, by type and subtotals for each category. Numbers are subject to adjustment pending final independent auditor review. Note that CalRecycle Fees were recategorized as Program Expenses starting in 2024. No funds in “Admin: Legal” or other rows were expended for penalties or costs associated with litigation against the state.

As shown in Table 8-3, **Subsidy Payouts** (as described in Section 8.4.1) compose the largest share of Program expenditures, 74.0% in 2025. **Program Expenses**, 18.2% in 2025, include the Collections program, Grants (Section 8.4.2), Education & Outreach (Section 8.6), Advisory Committee expenses, CalRecycle fees, and Technical Assistance. Technical Assistance expenses include technical assistance and consulting to recyclers, modeling consulting, PET project, testing fees, reporting database, and studies. **Administrative Expenses** (Section 8.7.1), 7.8% in 2025, include CARE Administrative Expenses (Office), Direct Expenses (Salaries & Benefits), Direct Support, and Accounting and Legal Expenses.

8.3.1 Cost per Capita

CCR 18944(a)(7)(B). Cost (\$)/capita

The \$37.3 million expended on total Program expenses in 2025 represents **\$0.94 per capita**. Per-capita calculations are based on the state population figure of 39,538,223 as reported in the 2020 U.S. Census, as requested by CalRecycle and affirmed in the 2023–2027 Plan. An average of 1.99 pounds of PCC was recovered per capita.

8.3.2 Cost per Pound Collected

CCR 18944(a)(7)(C). Cost (\$)/pound collected

Gross Collection of post-consumer carpet (PCC) totaled 78.5 million pounds in 2025. Based on **total Program costs** in 2025 of \$37.3 million, the total **cost per pound collected is \$0.47**.

Considering only **direct costs** (transportation, storage, and recycling fees), the average cost per pound collected at the **public Drop-off Sites** in 2025 was \$0.12 per pound, an increase from \$0.10 in 2024.

8.4 Subsidy & Grant Payouts

8.4.1 Subsidy Payouts

CARE prioritizes subsidy expenditures that incentivize Collector/Sorters, Tier 1 Processors, and Tier 2 Manufacturers based on actual pounds of PCC managed, shipped, and sold/donated. Linking payouts to direct market results increases accountability and ties Program investments to market-based solutions. CARE continued its pandemic-era efforts to support and sustain Collector/Sorters, Processors, and Manufacturers with supplemental subsidies to aid business continuity. Appendix 11.6 provides more information on subsidies and incentives, by carpet and fiber type, available to participating Collector/Sorters, Tier 1 Processors, and Tier 2 Manufacturers.

The large majority of Program resources support the conversion of Gross Collection into Recycled Output materials through subsidies of participating Tier 1 Processors and use of generated Recycled Output as feedstock by Tier 2 Manufacturers. **In 2025, CARE paid \$27.6 million in subsidies and incentives** for Collector/Sorters, Tier 1 Processors, and Tier 2 Manufacturers to support recycling, as shown in Table 8-3.

Since the Program's inception, CARE has invested heavily in supporting the recovery and recycling of PCC, and the cumulative subsidies paid out across Collector/Sorters, Processors, and Manufacturers have totaled more than \$200 million from 2011 through 2025. Subsidy payouts have grown dramatically from less than \$5 million annually in the early years before 2015 and have increased to \$27.6 million per year in 2024 and 2025. **In 2025, the cumulative subsidy payouts exceeded \$209 million.**

CARE regularly tracks economic, financial, and market conditions and strives to keep its subsidies up to date and effective. CARE uses a range of tools to monitor and inform the California recycling program and help determine subsidy payments. What was once known as the Subsidy Justification Model has evolved into one among a suite of flexible tools that CARE keeps updated to reflect changing market and operational conditions. The analyses consider multiple external factors—including oil prices, virgin and post-industrial material prices, and their related impacts on post-consumer carpet values—along with internal factors like carpet recycling costs, which are updated twice yearly.

Updates occur throughout the year, and data reviews are conducted monthly for subsidy payouts and quarterly to assess impacts on subsidies. The reviews keep the Program up-to-date, responsive to trends, and support a fair, data-driven subsidy system. These efforts fulfill the Plan commitment that “Every six months, the Program will evaluate market conditions and leverage CARE’s models to determine whether a change to the base subsidies is warranted.”

CARE increased subsidies in 2025 to respond to the sharp decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025, with plummeting demand for all PCC materials along with a resulting drop in price. The situation was exacerbated by the additional collapse in demand and price for pad. As described in Section 3.2, CARE took action to strengthen markets by adopting two new pilot subsidies to U.S. recyclers for internationally shipped Tier 1 Nylon broadloom fiber used in Tier 2 products. These changes were driven by an urgent need to find new outlets that did not exist domestically and to support efforts to produce PCC content to meet the 2028 requirement for 5% PCC.

8.4.2 Grant Payouts

Grant funds paid out in 2025 totaled \$1.3 million, including payouts from grant cycles committed in previous years as well as new grants awarded in 2025. Chapter 6 and Table 6-1 provide more details on grant funding. Note that accounting principles stipulate that grant funds committed and paid in a year must be accounted for in that year's financial records. Table 6-1 is a statement of committed and paid funds but does not take accounting periods and accrual into consideration, so figures may differ.

8.5 End-of-Life Materials Management Costs

CCR 18944(a)(7)I. End-of-life materials management (% of total program cost)

For the purpose of this report, End-of-Life (EOL) is defined as activities occurring at the point when a product is discarded by the consumer or the end of the useful life of a product, whichever comes first. EOL management options for post-consumer carpet include activities such as reuse, recycling, secondary product manufacturing, energy recovery, and landfilling. CARE's Carpet Stewardship Program is focused on recycling, reuse, and product manufacturing as the preferred forms of EOL management for post-consumer carpet in California. In 2025, Program resources were directed to support the following EOL materials management activities:

- **Carpet Collection.** In 2025, CARE expended nearly \$3.4 million on operational support for public Drop-off Sites serving all 58 counties in California, and subsidies for Collector/Sorters totaled \$3.9 million. These activities supported carpet collection when it was discarded by consumers at the end of its useful life.
- **Recycling.** Most Program expenditures support the conversion of PCC into Recycled Output materials by Tier 1 Processors and use of generated Recycled Output as feedstock by Tier 2 Manufacturers. In 2025, Tier 1 Processor subsidies totaled \$12.4 million, and Tier 2 Manufacturer subsidies totaled \$11.2 million.

- **Reuse.** Subsidies supporting Reuse are included in the Collector/Sorter, Processor, and Manufacturer subsidy expenditures listed above. Additional efforts to increase reuse occur through education, market development, and other Program work, but such costs are not tracked separately.

In the course of carpet collection, reuse, recycling, and manufacturing into new products containing recycled content, some collected materials are not suitable for reuse or recycling and may become process waste that is disposed in the course of operations. Such disposal is a cost of doing business for Collector/Sorters, Processors, and Manufacturers, and the Program does not track these costs separately.

As confirmed in the following sections, no Program funds were expended for CAAF, engineered MSW conversion, cement kilns, or transformation, in accordance with Carpet Stewardship Law.

8.5.1 No Funds Expended for Carpet As Alternative Fuel (CAAF)

CCR 18944(a)(7)(I)a. Funds, if spent on CAAF, must be supported with documentation reporting on economic and environmental impacts and that incentives shall expire, if they no longer serve a benefit.

No subsidies are offered or paid for energy recovery or disposal. CARE has never paid any subsidies for landfill, incineration, or Waste-to-Energy (WTE). Subsidies for Carpet As Alternative Fuel (CAAF) and Kiln energy recovery were discontinued effective January 1, 2018, as confirmed in Carpet Stewardship Plans. None of these disposition methods are eligible for subsidies.

8.5.2 No Funds Expended for Engineered MSW Conversion, Kilns, or Transformation

CCR 18944(a)(7)(I)b. A carpet stewardship organization shall not expend funds from the assessment for engineered municipal solid waste conversion, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 40131.2, the use of cement kilns to burn carpet, or transformation, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 40201.

In accordance with Carpet Stewardship Law, the Program did not expend funds for engineered municipal solid waste conversion, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 40131.2, the use of cement kilns to burn carpet, or transformation, as defined in

Public Resources Code Section 40201. No subsidies are offered or paid for energy recovery or disposal.

8.6 Education & Communications Costs

CCR 18944(a)(7)(D). Education/Communications (% of total program cost)

To maintain engagement with multiple stakeholder groups, the 2023–2027 Plan included a forecasted budget for marketing, outreach, education, and communications of \$1.0 million for 2025. Actual expenditures may be adjusted over the course of each year in response to dynamic program conditions, new educational opportunities, or other factors. As a lasting effect of remote work during the pandemic, travel expenses for the Outreach team remained lower than the pre-2020 levels. In 2025, actual expenditures in the Education & Outreach category totaled approximately \$1.2 million, exceeding the budgeted amount and representing 3.2% of total annual expenses.

Expenses for the Carpet Advisory Committee (\$4,179 in 2025) remained below pre-pandemic levels.

8.7 Program Administration & Governance Costs

8.7.1 Program Administration Costs

CCR 18944(a)(7)(F). Program administration (% of total program cost, including annual administrative fee for service payments to the department)

Administrative Expenses represented 7.8% of total Program cost in 2025, as shown in Table 8-3. These expenses include CARE administrative costs, direct expenses, direct support, and legal and accounting services. Administrative expenses include the apportioned CARE CEO and Executive Director, Finance Director, and administrative support staff; two California Program Co-Directors; and four additional California staff members. Legal and accounting services include assessment remittance reporting and fund management, subsidy reporting and payouts, Agreed Upon Procedures reviews, legal oversight, financial audits, grant administration, and any related activities which may include annual report data generation, special analyses of data, surveys, Planful subscription fee, subscriptions to data services and information reporting, and the like.

The annual administrative fee for service payments to the department is listed in the following Section 8.7.2, *Governance Costs*.

8.7.2 Governance Costs

CCR 18944(a)(7)(G). Governance (program oversight) (% of total program cost)

Program governance is provided by CalRecycle and is considered part of Program Expenses. In 2025, CARE paid \$689,183 to CalRecycle for the agency's role in providing governance support and oversight on behalf of the state of California, representing 1.9% of total 2025 Program expenditures. The 2025 figure reflects a 24% increase from the \$556,454 paid to CalRecycle in 2024.

8.7.3 Total Cost to Local Government

CCR 18944(a)(7)(H). Total cost to local government (if applicable)

The Program does not track the costs of managing discarded carpet incurred by local governments, and it does not require any direct contribution by local governments.

9 Education & Outreach

CCR 18944(a)(8) Outreach/Education. *List educational outreach activities in the stewardship plan. Provide a description of educational materials that were provided to retailers, consumers, carpet removers/installers, contractors, during the reporting period (provide electronic samples). Identify the method used to determine the effectiveness of educational and outreach surveys (e.g., surveys, hits on specific web pages, number of participants at events, etc.). Education and outreach materials may include, but are not limited to, signage, written materials, advertising or other promotional materials pursuant to Section 42972 (a) (5) and Links to website(s) created and maintained by the manufacturer or stewardship organization.*

The Program's marketing, education, and outreach (referred to as MEO, or E&O for education and outreach) team works to support the operational goals of the stewardship organization. CARE provides robust and successful education and outreach using a variety of communication tools, contributing to the Program's success in 2025. The education and outreach efforts focus on building awareness of the Program, including the services offered, reasons for recycling, and reassuring stakeholders that carpet can be and is being recycled into useful new products when brought to the right place. The main objective of outreach is to connect with the consumers, business owners, flooring contractors, retailers, and others who have the opportunity to direct tear-out carpet and carpet tile for recycling. This chapter includes the following sections:

- 9.1. Retailers
- 9.2. Installers
- 9.3. Union Training Support (Installers)
- 9.4. Drop-off Sites Engagement
- 9.5. Consumer Outreach
- 9.6. Regional Approach to Education & Outreach
- 9.7. Local & State Government Outreach
- 9.8. Buildings & Related Sector Outreach
- 9.9. Reuse Promotion
- 9.10. General Outreach

Education and outreach goals are intended to support and promote overall Program goals. These activities include both planned and timed outreach as well as opportunistic outreach as information and events require. E&O activities include the following:

- Increase collection by informing flooring retailers and installers about recycling opportunities, particularly at public Drop-off Sites.
- Increase Recycled Output through stimulation of market awareness and demand for recycled products and ongoing support promoting the incorporation of PCC into appropriate products.
- Increase diversion by highlighting carpet reuse and recycling opportunities.
- Help identify new opportunities for CARE-sponsored public Drop-off Sites and other recycling opportunities.
- Raise public awareness that carpet can be recycled when prepared and brought to the right place and about CARE's activities to support carpet recycling.

Audiences include Retailers, Installers, Drop-off Sites, Local Government, current and potential Grantees, Collector/Sorters, Processors, Manufacturers, Carpet Mills, Contractors, Building Owners, and Consumers. The Program uses a wide array of communications and outreach channels, including one-to-one outreach, direct mail, online and print advertising, media relations, conferences, websites, and social media. The Program measures “before” and “after” program awareness and PCC pounds collected, as examples, to determine the effectiveness of strategies in the field. The team assesses the effectiveness of its strategies and adjusts accordingly, based on marketing metrics, online surveys, outreach calls, and in-person tabling. E&O expenditures in 2025 totaled \$1.2 million, exceeding the budgeted amount of \$1 million (refer to Section 8.6, *Education & Communications Costs*, for more information.)

9.1 Retailers

Retailer contacts focused on promoting and informing them about the following:

- Drop-off Site opportunities.
- Recycling pick-up service uptake, where available.
- Carpet recycling and recyclability.
- PCC recycled-content products.
- How to communicate with customers about recycling and the assessment.
- Carpet Differential Assessment amounts, timing, and compliance requirements.

CARE communicates regularly with nearly 1,600 carpet retailers in the state. In addition, hard-surface retailers are included in appropriate outreach and collateral materials to raise awareness of carpet recycling opportunities among retailers that do not sell carpet, though they may be involved in carpet removal and replacement.

9.1.1 Retailer Activities in 2025

- Informed retailers of new public Drop-off Sites in their area, promoted recycling services, informed them of assessment compliance and upcoming changes, and provided collateral. In 2025, 1,002 calls were completed to retailers statewide.
- Distributed collateral materials, often as follow-up to outreach calls. In 2025, 10,500 retailer brochures and approximately 10,439 Drop-off Site maps were mailed to 526 stakeholders (retailers and installers).
- Sent the annual “California Program Highlights” print newsletter (included in Appendix 11.7) to 1,573 carpet retailers in June 2025.
- Researched and mapped retailers, Drop-off Sites, haulers, reuse stores, supply houses, and other stakeholders and identified opportunities for increasing collection by retailers or potential grant applicants.
- Maintained a database of all carpet retailers in California to enhance effective and timely communications, while increasing the data collected. Data relating to PCC handling, recycling interest, and available space for recycling provide the CARE team with referral opportunities and program design feedback.
- Maintained a database of all contacts made, feedback received, concerns raised, and responses to requests and inquiries.

9.1.2 Carpet Differential Assessment (CDA) Communications Plan

Following CalRecycle’s December 2024 approval, a new assessment rate took effect on February 1, 2025. Upon approval, CARE began a series of email and mail communications that continued into 2025. In January 2025, a postcard alert was mailed to all retailers as well as a packet of assessment information, including Talking Points for Sales Staff, a point-of-sale sign, and a customer-facing brochure explaining the CDA. The materials were added to the [Assessment](#) page of the CARE website. To support retailer compliance, CARE’s website includes a dedicated Assessment page, including a form where potentially non-compliant businesses selling carpet can be reported to CARE and shared with CalRecycle Enforcement. Ongoing CDA compliance efforts continued with regular reminders to retailers by mail and email.

9.2 Installers

Since flooring contractors can be both the implementers and decisionmakers on carpet recycling, Program staff communicate directly with installers, in addition to via retailers. In the 2023–2027 Plan, the Program committed to spending at least 10% of its E&O budget on installer outreach each year. In 2025, CARE expended \$123,486 on installer outreach, 12% of the Program’s planned E&O budget of \$1 million annually, meeting the commitment. CARE personnel also directly engaged in additional outreach activities with installers through union training sessions and other initiatives. However, their contributions are encompassed within the total staffing expenses and cannot be precisely quantified as a proportion of Program expenditures.

The Program used the list of C-15 and C-21 licensed installers and C&D contractors publicly available through the Contractors State License Board to reach more than 8,000 contractors by direct mail. Since many of the installers may handle carpet tear-out but not necessarily carpet installation, CARE focused on raising awareness that carpet can be recycled, and that Drop-off Sites are available for carpet recycling.

Together, approximately 8,000 licensed flooring contractors (C-15 licensees) and demolition contractors (C-21 licensees), a challenging audience to engage, received three direct mail pieces in 2025:

- California Carpet Drop-off Site map booklet.
- “California Program Highlights” newsletter about yearly carpet recycling progress.
- Installer awareness three-step postcard.

In 2025, CARE continued using QR codes regularly on print collateral to facilitate visits to its website. Flooring contractors regularly use these codes to visit the website. For example, the code in the fall 2025 installer postcard was scanned 78 times. To further promote new Drop-off Sites in key areas, updated regional postcards highlighting local Drop-off Sites were sent to contractors in the San Diego and San Bernardino regions.

To reach the industry’s large population of Spanish-speaking installers, the MEO team provides installer sheets with English on one side and Spanish on the other for Drop-off Sites to distribute. Additional languages are accommodated by request. CARE also has a Spanish version of its installer training video. Additionally, marketing materials include imagery to convey the messages visually with limited language. The Program continues to assess when and where other languages are needed to reach all Californians.

To ensure worker safety and the integrity of carpet recycling, flooring installers should understand best management practices for handling hazardous materials and other excluded items. Hazardous waste handling falls outside the scope of Program

responsibilities and expertise. Union representatives and flooring installers should follow all applicable union/company and regulatory protocols when managing carpet contaminated with hazardous materials.

Separately, CARE provides guidance and training on identifying non-hazardous conditions that still render carpet unrecyclable. Carpet that is damaged by water, smoke, or fire cannot be recycled, and CARE supports installers in recognizing these conditions and managing materials accordingly.

9.2.1 Regional Distribution Centers

CARE continued working with the Regional Distribution Centers (RDCs) of flooring companies to serve as potential collection sites and to connect with installers. In 2025, CARE conducted 12 tabling events at the Regional Distribution Centers in Cypress, Fontana, and Union City. The team spoke with 451 installers in informal discussions during tabling. More than half of installers said they were already aware that carpet can be recycled.

9.2.2 Videos

Building on the success of previous installer-focused videos, CARE created a new installer-focused video in English and Spanish versions and promoted them via YouTube. From their release in April 2025, the new videos received nearly 450,000 views (255,000 for the Spanish version and 190,000 in English) through year end. In 2025, [CARE's YouTube channel](#) hosted 29 public videos and garnered more than a half million video views.

9.3 Union Training Support (Installers)

CARE endeavors to work with unions to advance carpet recycling in California. Union installers represent a key subset of the Installer audience (covered in Section 9.2), and union-specific activities are described in this section.

In response to requirements of AB 863, CARE initiated a **Union Installer Training Grant** opportunity for apprentice and journey-level installers (as described in Section 6.7). The grants will provide funding to support carpet recycling education and training (on installation and removal techniques) and raise awareness that will establish, increase, improve, and enhance additional PCC collection for recycling and reuse led by unionized apprentice and journey-level carpet installers.

In July 2025, CARE published an initial solicitation for eligible projects that support union training, including supplies and equipment. No applications under the solicitation were received in 2025. CARE worked with the unions to develop a second solicitation for release in early 2026. Joint apprenticeship programs approved by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to train carpet installers and Active Union Representatives of a recognized flooring professional union in California are encouraged to apply.

CARE Program staff also continued work with flooring union District Council 16 (DC16) of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) in San Leandro, including the following activities in 2025:

- A total of 11 in-person trainings were conducted at DC16 for 106 apprentices. along with ongoing support provided for trainers. The trainings were delivered by Union trainers who had been trained by CARE using a train-the-trainer model.
- The Union training package, created in collaboration with Union trainers, includes information about carpet recyclability, carpet recycling laws, and proper preparation of broadloom and carpet tile for recycling and reuse.
- The training package includes PowerPoint slides, a training video, and an online quiz with a corresponding data dashboard to help assess installer learning outcomes and reinforce learning.
- The union training video was viewed 224 times in 2025 and a total of 1,383 times since its initial posting in 2022.
- The online quiz was taken 106 times in 2025 with an average score of 89%.

9.4 Drop-off Sites Engagement

In addition to ongoing site support, CARE staff members conduct regular engagement with all public Drop-off Sites. Engagement includes quarterly outreach and twice-yearly engagement educational webinars. Quarterly outreach involves the following:

- Review of quarterly CARE report submissions by all Drop-off Sites.
- A quarterly phone meeting between CARE staff and a representative from each Drop-off Site to review container weights and swaps, operational challenges, and promotional materials.

In 2025, the Program hosted two Engagement Webinars with CARE Drop-off Sites. Recorded webinars are available on CARE's website and covered the following topics:

- Program updates, current news, and collection data review.

- Technical assistance, including container loading tips, container load weights, signage placements, and carpet handling in inclement weather (rain/snow).
- Micro-grants and Infrastructure grant opportunities and grant-funded improvement examples.
- Recognition of Drop-off Site efforts for overall PCC volumes captured, increases in PCC volume, container loading efficiencies, and promotional/outreach efforts beyond Program promotions.
- Open discussion of site operational success and challenges, best practices, and feedback on how the Program is working.
- Best practices and perspectives from different Drop-off Sites.

CARE maintains a map of all public Drop-off Sites (including location, hours, fees charged) on its website that is continuously updated. In 2025, the map webpage garnered 15,712 pageviews from California-based visitors. Marketing activities to promote Drop-off Sites in 2025 included updates to and distribution by request of the following materials:

- Customized one-sheets with carpet preparation information were created for 35 Drop-off sites, with 4,155 printed and mailed to sites.
- An “onboarding video” to introduce new Drop-off Site staff to the benefits and responsibilities of being a public Drop-off Site was viewed 108 times on the CARE website in 2025.
- A [new, updated onboarding video](#) was created and posted in late 2025 and was viewed 25 times in November and December.
- A total of 105 signs, including loading instructions, liability, and “no trash” notices in English and Spanish, were provided.

9.5 Consumer Outreach

CARE focuses on communicating with homeowners who are considering new flooring, while building an understanding that carpet is recyclable, when brought to the right place. Since 2023, CARE has provided the www.RecycleMyCarpet.com website to serve as a landing page for consumers looking for information and ideas about what to do with old wall-to-wall carpet. In addition to informing about recycling and how carpet is recycled into new products, the site covers carpet maintenance to prolong its useful life, along with options for reuse and donation. In 2025, the website received 2,824 visits from 2,593 California-based visitors.

Starting in November 2025, CARE worked with a content marketing agency to place an article in dozens of online media outlets across the state. The article, “Got Old Carpet? Recycle It!” described how to make carpet last longer, gave options for reuse and donation, and provided details on how and where to take carpet for recycling. Links to the CARE website sent interested users to the Drop-off Site map page, a blog post about carpet maintenance, the retailer page for assessment information, and CARE home. The article was placed in 80 media outlets across the state, with a combined audience of 40 million. Mobile users accounted for 78% of the views. Also in November, promotion of the consumer-facing public service announcement garnered 74,000 views.

“Got Old Carpet? Recycle It!”

In 2025, CARE worked to place a carpet recycling article in online media outlets throughout California. The piece told how to make carpet last longer, gave options for reuse and donation, and provided information on how and where to recycle carpet. The article was placed in 80 media outlets across the state, with a combined audience of 40 million.

9.6 Regional Approach to Education & Outreach

CARE employs a Regional Approach to strategically test and implement multi-touch campaigns aimed at educating and engaging diverse stakeholder groups within targeted geographic areas. This method allows for concentrated outreach efforts, enabling the Program to measure effectiveness by comparing results with similar areas in the state that do not receive the same treatments. By focusing on specific regions, CARE maximizes impact and gains insights that would not be feasible with a statewide rollout.

San Bernardino County Campaign. In 2025, CARE successfully executed a multi-faceted campaign in San Bernardino County to promote local Drop-off Sites and raise awareness of carpet recycling opportunities. The campaigns used digital media, direct mail, and in-person outreach to engage retailers, contractors, and the public.

From mid-October through mid-November, the campaigns garnered approximately 725,000 digital impressions and 99,000 video views, along with touches via direct mail, signage placement, streaming audio, and in-person outreach. During the one-month broadcast phase, 6,772 active California users visited the San Bernardino Recycles Carpet! landing page for 7,917 visits. Of that total, the Spanish version of the landing page saw 2,613 views from 1,518 visitors.

As part of the campaign, outreach efforts targeted 110 local retailers and made contact with 78. At least 42 (54%) of the 78 retailers contacted are recycling carpet; if the contracted installation company also recycles, that would bring the number to 63 (81%). This shows significant improvement over the prior San Bernardino effort in 2022, when only 26% of retailers contacted (27 of 102) were recycling carpet.

9.7 Local & State Government Outreach

Education and outreach continued in 2025 to local and state government audiences, including recycling coordinators, local building departments, and statewide organizations and agencies. These government entities can educate the public and stakeholders in their communities about carpet recycling as well as take actions to advance carpet recycling and other Program goals. Outreach continued to build relationships with cities, counties, and agencies in California and to work with local governments to support carpet recycling at local and regional levels. Local and state government outreach efforts are described in the remainder of this section.

9.7.1 Local Government Outreach

Local government participation is important to Program success, and CARE increased outreach to local governments, including recycling coordinators and building counters at the city and county level, as well as local and regional waste haulers. These local government representatives can inform people in their jurisdictions about carpet recycling, distribute resources to support carpet recycling, and purchase post-consumer carpet products. CARE engaged Circlepoint to bring their expertise to this initiative.

Building on previous relationship-building efforts, local government outreach conducted in 2025 centered around several new initiatives, including the Local Government Task Force, carpet search inquiry data tracking, and collaboration with local governments to integrate promotion of carpet recycling into existing waste management services and/or public works permitting (or similar) departments through adopted collateral, website presence, or integration of language into existing forms. In these efforts, Circlepoint collaborated with local government staff to better understand and guide CARE staff to support local carpet recycling education and outreach.

Local Government Website Carpet Recycling Search Data

To better inform CARE efforts to increase public inquiry and interest in carpet recycling, Circlepoint partnered with local governments to track the number of carpet disposal requests from the public. These local government partners provided quarterly data on the volume of carpet disposal requests, which was tracked by carpet inquiries in their

website search histories, website clicks, Waste Wizards, and emails. Table 9-1 lists the data reported by participating jurisdictions. This information was used to gain insight into the volume of public requests for carpet disposal fielded by local governments, which informs the need for future carpet education efforts at the local level.

Table 9-1. Carpet Search Inquiry Data by Local Government

Local Government	Inquiry Source	2025 Totals
Santa Barbara County	Website search bar	9
Orange County	Website search bar	1,835
City of Roseville	Waste Wizard	97
Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority (JPA)	Website search bar	1 (Q1 only)
City of Oxnard	Waste Wizard	23
Sonoma County	Website views	788
Salinas Valley Recycles	Website search bar	75
Ventura County	Website views	443

As noted in the preceding table, the reported results varied across jurisdictions. The largest volumes of carpet search inquiries were seen in Orange County and Sonoma County. Notably, there are significantly more CARE Drop-off Sites in and near Orange and Sonoma counties compared to other jurisdictions in the study. Orange County is developing its recycling centers, which could help explain the upward trend across the year.

Lower rates of reporting tended to come from rural areas with smaller populations and fewer drop-off sites or farther for residents to access. It is unclear why Santa Barbara County saw low carpet search inquiries for its relative population size and city/suburban composition. Sonoma and Ventura counties report their data using website views rather than specific carpet searches, and therefore their numbers appear relatively higher than the rest of the jurisdictions.

Local Government Task Force

The objective of the Local Government Task Force in 2025 was to hear on-the-ground insights directly from local governments about what resources were the most effective for increasing carpet collection rates in their communities. Engagement with the Local Government Task Force included one-on-one meetings held with Task Force members.

At these one-on-one meetings, attended by CARE Local Government staff and MEO staff, each agency was able to share information about their needs related to potential CARE support of their carpet recycling goals. Additionally, each agency was provided with a customized digital flyer promoting carpet recycling information specific to their region. Task Force members included representatives from the following regions: Apple Valley, City of Fresno, City of Roseville, Glenn County, Plumas County, City and County of San Francisco, South Bayside Waste Management Authority, and Ventura County.

The Local Government Task Force was successful in understanding local government needs, informing future CARE outreach efforts, and strengthening CARE's relationships with jurisdictions across the state. The following themes emerged from this outreach:

- **Outreach and Education.** Most jurisdictions expressed a strong need for increased public awareness and education around carpet recycling.
- **Website Updates & Digital Resources.** Several local governments are in the process of updating their websites and welcomed support materials to add carpet recycling information.
- **Drop-off Site Strategies.** Some local governments described operational or logistical hurdles (such as space, cost, and contractor coordination) and would welcome CARE support to address these challenges to developing new sites.
- **Tracking & Data Collection Challenges.** Nearly all jurisdictions struggle with carpet recycling data collection.
- **Ordinance & Policy Development.** Local governments expressed interest in ordinance language and model policies that support or mandate carpet recycling.
- **Hauler & Contractor Outreach.** Jurisdictions emphasized the key role of haulers and contractors, noting that hauler education and coordination is critical to ensuring that source-separated and clean carpet reaches recycling facilities.
- **CARE Support & Micro-grants.** There is strong interest in CARE's technical and financial support, including grants.
- **Continued Value of the Task Force:** Most participants found the Task Force to be valuable and worth continuing, with some suggestions for improvements.

The Local Government Task Force will continue in 2026 with a revised meeting structure and new member invitations.

Local Government Collection Promotion

Working with CARE's Southern California Local Government staff, a plan was developed to collaborate with four Local Governments to integrate promotion of carpet

recycling into existing waste management services and/or public works permitting (or similar) departments through adopted collateral, website presence, or integration of language into existing building permit forms. This was a CARE team metric for 2025, with the objective of encouraging local governments to promote carpet recycling to fulfill requirements related to diversion of construction materials.

Meetings were held with six local agencies to learn more about how they handled and tracked construction materials diversion. Meetings included participants from the following local governments: City of Apple Valley, Contra Costa County, Orange County, Riverside County, San Bernadino County, and Solano County. Each local jurisdiction requested carpet recycling promotional copy for their websites, recycling guides, building counters, or a combination.

9.7.2 State Government Outreach

State & Local Presentations

To highlight the impacts of carpet recycling and galvanize local government staff to support implementation of carpet recycling efforts, CARE staff delivered presentations to both San Diego County and the Sacramento Solid Waste Working Group.

The presentation describes the challenges of carpet recycling and the solutions to increase recycling rates, detailing the policy and the processes that CARE employs to make an impact with regards to carpet recycling. It also offers a call to action to join the efforts of the Program, including tangible next steps that local and state governments can take to support carpet stewardship in their jurisdictions. In addition to raising awareness, these presentations offer an opportunity for CARE staff to develop relationships with government entities. This collaboration fosters support for the implementation of carpet recycling throughout the state.

Conferences

CARE staff members and the MEO team regularly participate in statewide conferences on behalf of the California Carpet Stewardship Program to raise awareness of carpet recycling and recycled carpet products. Relevant conferences are listed in Section 9.10, *General Outreach*, at the end of this chapter, and market development-focused conferences are listed in Section 7.6, *Conferences & Market Development*.

California Green Building Standards

CARE is working with the California Department of General Services (DGS) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) services to update the current California Green Building Standards (CALGreen) to adopt mandatory

green building standards for covered building types. HCD's CALGreen's jurisdiction covers newly constructed residential buildings, hotels, motels, lodging houses, and additions or alterations that expand conditioned areas. The intent of the code is to promote greener construction through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from buildings; promote environmentally responsible, cost-effective, healthier places to live and work; and respond to the directives to develop a green building code that calls out post-consumer carpet from C&D waste. Revised code language has been prepared, and meetings for review and approval are scheduled for 2026.

9.8 Buildings & Related Sector Outreach

In addition to its green building work with state agencies, CARE substantially expanded its leadership role across the commercial building sector in 2025. Through sustained engagement with carpet manufacturers, multifamily property owners, architecture and design (A&D) firms, general contractors, and flooring sustainability managers, CARE moved beyond outreach to become an active implementation partner for carpet reuse and recycling.

CARE worked with A&D firms to integrate reuse and mill take-back considerations earlier in the design process, providing practical guidance that translated sustainability goals into buildable specifications. Contractors engaged through CARE's projects entered new work with increased familiarity and confidence around reuse and take-back strategies, helping normalize carpet diversion on commercial job sites. In July 2025, CARE and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) California presented a free webinar about the Program's experience with the challenges and opportunities of commercial carpet tile recycling and reuse. The webinar covered the essentials of directing commercial carpet tile for recycling or reuse.

A key milestone in 2025 was CARE's support for embedding carpet recycling requirements directly into bid and procurement documents. This language calls for projects that include a carpet element to recycle through CARE-supported programs, signaling a shift toward consistent, upfront expectations for carpet diversion across the industry.

CARE also collaborated directly with commercial end users to develop clear, workable procedures for reuse and mill take-back on active renovation and construction projects. As demand for reuse increased, CARE strengthened coordination with reuse outlets to ensure material was diverted efficiently and responsibly.

Collectively, these efforts reflect a growing level of industry recognition. In 2025, CARE emerged not only as a program administrator but as a go-to resource for managing

carpet reuse and recycling on complex commercial projects, helping shape both market practices and project outcomes.

From Pilot Projects to Industry Practice

In 2025, CARE reached a turning point in commercial carpet reuse and recycling. Through direct collaboration with A&D firms, general contractors, and building owners, CARE is helping to move carpet diversion from a project-by-project effort to a repeatable industry practice.

CARE supported the inclusion of language in bid and procurement documents, calling for projects containing a carpet element to be recycled through CARE-supported programs. By embedding these requirements into Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and bid documents, CARE is helping make carpet reuse and recycling a standard expectation.

As a result, CARE is increasingly recognized across the building sector as a trusted technical resource and the first point of contact for commercial carpet reuse and recycling.

9.9 Reuse Promotion

The CARE website's [Reuse page](#) received 323 views during 2025. The reuse of carpet tiles continues to increase as CARE conducts educational outreach to general contractors, subcontractors, commercial flooring installers, construction and demolition (C&D) companies, and architectural and design (A&D) firms that work on projects that include carpet removal, installation, or both. These efforts aim to promote the message that carpet tiles can be reused within the built environment. Educational presentations play a significant role in this initiative, helping to divert millions of pounds of carpet tiles and giving them a second life as reusable flooring. On its website, CARE published two blog posts promoting commercial tile reuse and recycling, which were also highlighted in its monthly e-news and on social media. The consumer-facing RecycleMyCarpet.com website contains additional information on Reuse options.

Section 5.5 (*Increasing Carpet Reuse* section), Section 9.5 (*Consumer Outreach*), and Section 9.8 (*Building & Related Sector Outreach*) provide more information on promotion of carpet reuse.

9.10 General Outreach

In 2025, additional multi-stakeholder outreach efforts included the following activities:

- 27 blog posts.
- 13 e-news editions, covering 12 months plus a special issue for retailers only.
- 130 social media posts on LinkedIn.

9.10.1 Website Traffic

The CARE website has a dedicated [California landing page](#) along with extensive content on the California program aimed at various audiences. Visits to the CARE website from California-based users showed a 6% increase to 35,614 in 2025. In a sign of good engagement, California visitors downloaded 2,589 documents in 2025. The Drop-off Site map booklet was downloaded most frequently, with 590 downloads.

9.10.2 Social Media

In 2025, CARE's 130 LinkedIn posts had 104,618 impressions, received 650 clicks, and ended the year with 331 followers. CARE also maintains a [YouTube channel](#) to raise awareness of carpet recycling and the California Carpet Stewardship Program. In 2025, the YouTube channel hosted 29 public videos, had 369 subscribers, and garnered 530,000 video views, mostly for the two new installer videos and the "Carpet Can Be Recycled" public service announcement.

9.10.3 Stakeholder Database

The Program maintains a database of more than 8,000 individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies in California. In addition to contact information, the database tracks retailers' recycling status; collateral requested and sent to retailers, installers, and Drop-off Sites; reports of one-to-one contacts; and more. The data is also used to create maps that CARE uses for gap analysis and other planning.

9.10.4 Earned Media

Three press releases for the Program in 2025 announced the assessment change; CARE grants' success, and the 2024 Program results with the recycling rate achievement. *Plastics News, Floor Focus, Floor Covering Weekly, C&D Recycling, Resource Recycling, Recycling Today, Floor Trends and Installation, Cleaning and*

Maintenance Management, and *Waste Dive* ran related stories on the Program's progress. An additional press release was announced at the CARE Annual Conference.

9.10.5 Conferences & Events

CARE team members and the MEO team participated in multiple statewide conferences on behalf of the California Carpet Stewardship Program to raise awareness of carpet recycling and recycled carpet products. Relevant conferences in 2025 included:

- West Sacramento Earth Day Festival
- Southern California Waste Management Forum Spring Conference
- Southern California Waste Management Annual Conference
- Rural County Representatives of California
- California Resource Recovery Association
- Green Sustainable Facilities Forum in Sacramento

Participation in these conferences furthered relationship-building among state and local government representatives and key stakeholders, enabling the CARE team to reach target audiences and build support for carpet recycling efforts. To support carpet recycling outreach efforts, Circlepoint developed postcards for the CARE team to distribute to local government representatives at conferences, highlighting resources in the Local Government Toolkit. The postcard also provides an overview of CARE's services and includes staff names and contact information for follow-up assistance.

Additional conferences related to market development for PCC are included in Section 7.6, *Conferences & Market Development*.

10 Audits

CCR 18944(a)(9) Audits. *The annual report shall include an independent financial audit funded from the carpet stewardship assessment. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and standards set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The audit report shall also include a separate state compliance report on the carpet program requirements as directed by the department.*

The financial statements of CARE and the California Carpet Stewardship Program for the year ending December 31, 2025, were audited by independent Certified Public Accounting firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, of Atlanta, Georgia. The original, unedited audit statements for the California Carpet Stewardship Program are presented in Appendix 11.10. (The final versions were modified to meet accessibility standards without changing their substantive content.)

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11.1 Participating Carpet Mills, Subsidiaries & Brands

The records on the following pages are for the 2025 operating year and reflect the updated list of Carpet Mills, Subsidiaries, and Brands participating in the Program as of December 31, 2025 (Quarter 4).

The **Compliant Manufacturers List** is provided at least quarterly to CalRecycle and current and prior versions are available on CalRecycle’s website.

California Carpet Stewardship Program
Registered Manufacturers List December 31, 2025

Active Mills:

ID	Parent Company	Subsidiaries	Mailing Address	City	State
1	Alexandria International Inc.	None reported	191 Dodds Ave	Adairsville	GA
2	Andre Vernier & Fils SA dba Louis de Poortere	ANDRE VERNIER & FILS SA, DE POORTERE DECO SA	Rue de la Royenne 45B	Mouscron	Belgium
3	Apache Mills (FKA Berkshire Flooring)	None reported	PO Box 907	Calhoun	GA
4	Art Flock & Screen Inc (Kane Carpet)	Kane Carpet	1416 38th Street	Brooklyn	NY
5	Banks Peninsula Farms US, LLC	None reported	20 River Drive	Cartersville	GA
6	Beaulieu Canada Company	None reported	335 Roxton	Acton-Vale	Quebec
7	Bellbridge Inc	Westbrook, Carpets of New Zealand	5401 Industrial Way	Benicia	CA
8	Bentley Prince Street (BPS Parent, Inc.)	Bentley Mills, Inc.	14641 E Don Julian Road	City of Industry	CA
9	Best Carpet Values, Inc./W.R. Inc.	Innovative Ind., S & J Carpet Mills, Globe Dist.	416 Lowy Drive	Chatsworth	GA
10	Bloomsburg Carpet Ind., Inc.	None reported	4999 Columbia Blvd	Bloomsburg	PA
11	Brintons Carpets	None reported	175 Townpark Dr, Suite 140	Kennesaw	GA
12	CAP Carpet Inc	Aircraft Interior Products, White Oak Custom Carpets	535 S. Emerson St.	Wichita	KS
13	Carpet Express	None reported	1125 Whittle Drive SW	Dalton	GA
14	Carter Custom Carpets, Inc	Carter	75 Eden Valley Rd SE	Rome	GA
15	Catalina Carpet Mills, Inc.	None reported	14418 Best Ave.	Santa Fe Springs	CA
16	Cella Carpet Inc.	None reported	788 Shrewsbury Avenue, Ste 110	Tinton Falls	NJ

ID	Parent Company	Subsidiaries	Mailing Address	City	State
17	Colin Campbell & Sons Ltd./Nature's Carpet	None reported	55-8385 Fraser St.	Vancouver	British Columbia
18	Concord/Aldon Industries	None reported	2998 Parquet Dr	Dalton	GA
19	Couristan, Inc.	None reported	2 Executive Drive, Suite 400	Fort Lee	NJ
20	Creative Matters, Inc	None reported	300 Geary Ave, Suite 302	Toronto	Ontario
21	Crossley Holdings of South Africa	Crossley Axminster, Inc.	870 N Broadway	Greenville	MS
22	Design Materials, Inc.	None reported	241 S. 55th Street	Kansas City	KS
23	Earth Weave Carpet Mills Inc.	None reported	P.O. Box 6120	Dalton	GA
24	ECMH, LLC dba CM Hospitality Carpets	None reported	2304 Dalton Industrial Court	Dalton	GA
25	Ege Americas Inc.	Bentzon Carpets ApS, Ege Americas Inc, Ege Carpets Asia Pte, Ege Carpets France, Ege Carpets GmbH, Ege Carpets Norway AS, Ege Carpets Sweden AB, Ege Carpets UK Ltd, Hammer Taepper A/S, UAB Litspin	1133 Broadway, Suite 1322	New York City	NY
26	Ege Carpets A/S	Bentzon Carpets ApS, Ege Americas Inc, Ege Carpets Asia Pte, Ege Carpets France, Ege Carpets GmbH, Ege Carpets Norway AS, Ege Carpets Sweden AB, Ege Carpets UK Ltd, Hammer Taepper A/S, UAB Litspin	Industrivej Nord 25	Herning	Denmark
27	Emerald Carpet, Inc.	None reported	2860 North Dug Gap Road	Dalton	GA
28	Emery Park Carpet Company	None reported	105 N. Industrial Blvd	Calhoun	GA
29	Encore Hospitality Carpet, Inc.	None reported	734 South River Street	Calhoun	GA
30	Engineered Floors	None reported	1502 Coronet Drive	Dalton	GA
31	Event Carpet Pros, Inc.	None reported	14301 Alondra Blvd.	La Mirada	CA
32	Exploring, Inc. dba Brumark	None reported	3655 Atlanta Industrial Dr Bldg 100	Atlanta	GA
33	Express Home Services LLC	None reported	4110 W Washington St Ste 100	Phoenix	AZ

ID	Parent Company	Subsidiaries	Mailing Address	City	State
34	Fibreworks Corporation	Fibreworks	2301 Brennen Business Court	Louisville	KY
35	Forbo Flooring Systems	None reported	8 Maplewood Drive	Hazle Township	PA
36	Foss Manufacturing Co LLC	None reported	243 Huffaker Road NW	Rome	GA
37	Georgia Carpet Industries	None reported	3352 Lower Dug Gap	Dalton	GA
38	Griffith Industries, Inc.	None reported	PO BOX 24123	Seattle	WA
39	Harcourt Collection LLC	None reported	78 Southfield Ave. Suite 202	Stamford	CT
40	IncStores	None reported	24871 S Ellsworth Rd, Ste 100-166	Queen Creek	AZ
41	Innovative Carpets, LLC	None reported	22 Paris Avenue	Rockleigh	NJ
42	Interface Americas, Inc.	FLOR, InterfaceFLOR, LLC	1280 W Peachtree St. NW	Atlanta	GA
43	JD Staron	None reported	330 Fairfield Ave.	Stamford	CT
44	Joy Carpets & Co.	None reported	2640 Lafayette Road	Fort Oglethorpe	GA
45	Julie Industries, Inc.	None reported	PO Box 2144	Wakefield	MA
46	Kaleen Rugs, Inc.	None reported	PO Box 1053	Dalton	GA
47	Lancer Enterprises, Inc.	None reported	1385 Dawnville Rd NE	Dalton	GA
48	Lexmark Carpet Mills, Inc.	None reported	285 Kraft Drive	Dalton	GA
49	LSI Flooring (Tisca Tischhauser AG)	None reported	Tisca Tischhauser	Buehler	Sonnenbergstrasse 1
50	Mannington Mills, Inc.	Mannington Commercial	75 Mannington Mills Rd	Salem	NJ
51	Marquis Industries, Inc.	Artisians Hospitality, Astro Carpet Mills, Gulistan, Kraus, Lonesome Oak Trading, Marquis Industries, Naturally Aged Floors, Omega Pattern Works	PO Box 1308	Chatsworth	GA
52	Mathews & Parlo Carpet Wholesalers, Inc	None reported	196 Belwood Rd	Calhoun	GA
53	Merida Meridian Inc	None reported	1 Design Center Pl. Suite 330	Boston	MA

ID	Parent Company	Subsidiaries	Mailing Address	City	State
54	Millennium Carpet Mills Inc.	None reported	2950 Hwy 411 N	Chatsworth	GA
55	Milliken & Company	Milliken Flooring	920 Milliken Road	Spartanburg	SC
56	Mohawk Industries, Inc.	None reported	160 S. Industrial Blvd	Calhoun	GA
57	Momeni, Inc.	None reported	60 Broad St.	Carlstadt	NJ
58	Nance Carpet & Rug Inc	None reported	201 Nance Rd NE	Calhoun	GA
59	Natco Products Corp.	COHF	155 Brookside Ave.	West Warwick	RI
60	Next Floor Inc.	None reported	1857 Sawmill Road, Suite 202	Conestogo	Ontario
61	Nourison Industries Inc.	None reported	5 Sampson St	Saddle Brook	NJ
62	Oriental Weavers Hospitality	None reported	3252 Dug Gap Rd.	Dalton	GA
63	Patriot Mills (FKA as Manassas Textiles)	None reported	174 Dodds Ave.	Adairsville	GA
64	Phenix Flooring div of Mannington	None reported	1001 Enterprise Dr	Dalton	GA
65	Prestige Mills	None reported	780 3rd Ave, 7th Floor	New York	NY
66	R.C. Willey Home Furnishings, Inc.	None reported	2301 South 300 West	Salt Lake City	UT
67	RADICI USA, INC	None reported	400 Herald Yournal Blvd.	Spartanburg	SC
68	Relative Space (Floorworks)	None reported	68 Tycos Drive, Unit 6	Toronto	Ontario
69	Revolution Mills	None reported	18637 Northline Drive Suite F	Cornelius	NC
70	Royal Thai Americas, Inc.	None reported	PO Box 1300	Calhoun	GA
71	Rumi Carpet Collection	None reported	12401 Washington Ave	Rockville	MD
72	Scott Group Custom Carpets, DBA Scott Group Studio	RedRock Custom Carpets	3232 Kraft Ave. SE	Grand Rapids	MI
73	Shaheen Carpet Mills	Carpets by Sierra	3742 US Hwy 41 NW	Resaca	GA
74	Shaw Industries, Inc.	None reported	616 E Walnut Ave	Dalton	GA
75	Siena LLC	None reported	3233 K Street NW	Washington	DC

ID	Parent Company	Subsidiaries	Mailing Address	City	State
76	Signature Hospitality Carpet LLC	None reported	2222 S. Hamilton Street	Dalton	GA
77	Southwind Building Products, LLC	None reported	2350 Wo Smith Drive	Lawrenceburg	TN
78	Specialty Textile Group	None reported	PO Box 2279	Dalton	GA
79	Stanton Carpet Corporation	Stanton Carpet	100 Sunnyside Blvd Ext. Suite 100	Woodbury	NY
80	Stark Carpet Corp	None reported	979 Third Ave. 11th Floor	New York	NY
81	StaticWorx, Inc.	None reported	372 Hurricane Lane Suite 202 / PO Box 1556	Williston	VT
82	Summit Flooring	None reported	1 Apollo Drive	Whippany	NJ
83	TaiPing Carpets Americas Inc	None reported	128 E. George St.	Adairsville	GA
84	Tarkett Finance Inc.	Tarkett USA	30000 Aurora Rd	Solon	OH
85	TCB Flooring LLC	None reported	471 Pleasant Valley Road SE	Fairmount	GA
86	The Dixie Group, Inc.	TDG Operations, LLC	475 Reed Road	Dalton	GA
87	The Miller Davis Group	None reported	300 West 28th Street	Chattanooga	TN
88	Totally Enterprises, LLC	Totally Enterprises, LLC	404 Mitchell St	Dalton	GA
89	Twitchell Technical Products LLC (Infinity)	Infinity Woven Products	4031 Ross Clark Cir	Dothan	AL
90	Ulster Carpet Mills (North America) Inc	None reported	81 Whitlock Avenue SW	Marietta	GA
91	Unique Carpets Ltd.	None reported	7360 Jurupa Avenue	Riverside	CA
92	Urban Surfaces	None reported	2380 Railroad Street	Corona	CA
93	van Gelder	None reported	300 Union Grove Road SE	Calhoun	GA
94	Vogue Enterprises, Inc.	None reported	1812 S. Hamilton St	Dalton	GA

End of Active List

**California Carpet Stewardship Program
Subsidiaries and Brands List December 31, 2025**

Subsidiaries (Alpha Numeric Order)

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Aircraft Interior Products	DE POORTERE	Hammer Taepper A/S	RedRock Custom Carpets
ANDRE VERNIER & FILS SA	DECO SA	Infinity Woven Products	S & J Carpet Mills
Artisians Hospitality	Ege Americas Inc	Innovative Ind.	Stanton Carpet
Astro Carpet Mills	Ege Carpets Asia Pte	InterfaceFLOR, LLC	Tarkett USA
Bentley Mills, Inc.	Ege Carpets France	Kane Carpet	TDG Operations, LLC
Bentzon Carpets ApS	Ege Carpets GmbH	Kraus	Totally Enterprises, LLC
Carpets by Sierra	Ege Carpets Norway AS	Lonesome Oak Trading	UAB Litspin
Carpets of New Zealand	Ege Carpets Sweden AB	Mannington Commercial	Westbrook
Carter	Ege Carpets UK Ltd	Marquis Industries	White Oak Custom Carpets
COHF	Fibreworks	Milliken Flooring	
Crossley Axminster, Inc.	FLOR	Naturally Aged Floors	
	Globe Dist.	Omega Pattern Works	
	Gulistan		

Brands (Alpha Numeric Order)

1866 by Masland	Artisians Hospitality	Carter	Davis & Davis Rugs
Adorra	Astro Carpet Mills	Casuale	Debut
Advantage XL	Atelier	Catalinahome	Décor by Fabrica
Aircraft Interior Products	AVIATION	Cavan	DESIGN
ALADDIN	COMMERCIAL	Cella Carpet	DISTINCTION
ALADDIN CCA NET	Axminster	Cha-Ka	Desso
ALADDIN COLOR CENTER	Beaulieu	Christopher Guy	Dixie Home
ALADDIN COMMERCIAL	BEDFORD MILLS	Classic	Dixie International
American Basic	Bellbridge	Concepts International	DKNY
Natural Fusion	BENEFITS	CORE ELEMENTS	DOWNS
American Home	Bentley	CORNERSTONE	Dream Weaver
Fashions of California	Best Buy	Couristan	Dreamy
Anderson Tuftex	BIGELOW	Cpts by Sierra	Duralock
Antrim	COMMERCIAL	Creative Carpets	DURAPOINT
Anything Goes	Bloomsburg Carpet	Crescent	DURAWEAWE /
	Bomat	Crossley Axminster	DURAWEAWE ELITE
	Calvin Klein	Crosspoint	DURKAN
			COMMERCIAL

DURKAN	Fondazione	KARASTAN	Mini Moss
HOSPITALITY	Foss	AMBASSADOR	Missoni
Dwellings	Fossshield	KARASTAN	Modular Mat
DX835	Gessato	CONTRACT	Modulyss
EAZY Floor	GIBRALTAR	KARASTAN GALLERY	MOHAWK
EcoFi	Godfrey Hirst	DES	MOHAWK COLOR
Ecorug	GODFREY HIRST NA	KARASTAN ROLL	CENTER
EcoSylk	GREEN SELECT	RUNNER	MOHAWK
Edwards Fields	Gridlines	KARASTAN RUG	COMMERCIAL
EF Contract	Gulistan	KARASTAN WOOL	Momeni
Ege	Hagaman	Katha Living	Monte Carlo
Emery Park Carpet Co	HARDING	Kraus	Nance Industries
EMPIRE	HDC HOME	Larsen	Naturally Aged Floors
Encore	DECORATION	LEES CARPET	Nature's Carpet
Engineered Floors	COLLECTION	Lexmark	Naturion
MultiFamily	HEARTH & HOME	Lexmark Hospitality	NAUTILUS
EnVision 66	HEATHERFIELD	LIFEPROOF	NexGen
EnVision SD	Hibernia	Lock Mat	Nextfloor
ESSENTIALS	Hokanson	Lonesome Oak	Northstar
Exquisite	HOME & OFFICE	Trading	Nourison
EXTREME VALUE	HOME FOUNDATION	Looptex	Nourison Craftworks
Fabrica	HOME SHOWCASE	Lumax	Nourtex
Farmington	Home Solutions	Luxelooms	NuSatin
Fibreworks	HOME VALUE	Luxury Woven Vinyl	NuSilk
Finale	HEMECRAFT	Luzern Ltd	Omega Pattern Works
First Impressions	HORIZON	Main Street Tile	Ozite
Fletco	IMAGE	Mannington	Patcraft
FLOORCRAFT	INNOVIA / INNOVIA	Mantra	Patriot Mills Inc
Flooring Inc	TOUCH	Marquis	Peerless Flooring
Flooring 2	InterfaceFLOR	Marquis Industries	Peluche
FLOORSCAPES	J Mish	Masland	Pentz
FLOORSCAPES - ALD	J+J Flooring	Masland Carpets and	Phenix
FLOORSCAPES -	Johnsonite	Rugs	Philadelphia
CWC	Joy Carpets	Mathews & Parlo	Philadelphia
FLOORZ	Kaleen	Merida	Commercial
FLOORZ ALADDIN	Kane Carpet	MERIT	Pianura
FLOR	KARASTAN	MFI NW	Piedmont Carpets
Flotex	KARASTAN / HELIOS	Michael Amini	PLATINUM PLUS
		Milliken	

PORTICO	Shazam	TRUCOR
PORTICO ESTATE	Siena	Tuftex
PORTICO SELECT	Signature Flooring	Tuva
Prestige Mills	Signature Hospitality	Ulster Carpet Mills
Prime	Carpets	Unique Carpets Ltd.
PROPERTIES BY	SIGNATURE SERIES	Urban
MOHAWK	SIGNATURE SERIES-	Urban Fur
PureGrain	ALD	Urban Moss II
PWV	SIGNATURE SERIES-	Valour
Queen	HZN	Vintage
Queen Commercial	Sillon II	Vorwerk
RADICI USA	Silspun	WEAVEPOINT
Ravenna II	Silver Creek	Weave-Tuft Carpets
RedRock Custom	Smart Transformations	White Oak Custom
Carpets	Smartback	Carpets
REGENCY GRANDE	SOFTSPRING	Whitfield Natural
RELAX IT'S LEES /	SOMERSET HOUSE	Textiles
LEES STUDIO	St. Jude Flooring	WSL
Reserve	Stainmaster	WUNDA WEVE
RESISTA / RESISTA	Stanton	WUNDAWEVE
SOFT	Stark Carpet	CARPETS
Revolution Mills	Stark Studio Rugs	WW FLOORSCAPES
Rosecore	Style Smart	Yukon
Royal Dutch	Sutton Carpet	
Royal Thai	Tai Ping Tent	
Rumi Carpet	Tandus-Centiva	
Scott Group Custom	Tarkett Home	
Carpets	Tarkett Hospitality	
SELECT A FLOOR	The Atlas Group	
Select Elements	Tisca	
Shaheen Cpt	Tivoli	
Shattered	Top Gun	
Shaw	Torino	
Shaw Contract	Totally Enterprises,	
Shaw Floors	LLC	
Shaw Home	Touche	
Foundations	Traffic Master	
Shaw Hospitality	Trafficmaster	
ShawMark		

11.2 Public Drop-off Sites & Locations in 2025

The following pages list **CARE's 174 public Drop-off Sites** in 2025, with their site names, locations, contact information, websites, carpet collection details, fees, hours of operation, and other details. All sites are located in California and are listed by county, then alphabetically by city and site name. CARE's website includes the [California Drop-off Site Map](#) and current site details. (Some additional independent sites and recyclers servicing large retailers/installers that accept carpet directly from the public are included in CARE's online map but are not counted toward meeting Program goals.)

These public CARE Drop-off Sites accept carpet from all flooring professionals and serve to meet the **Flooring Professional Proximity Goal**. In addition, flooring professionals can also bring tear-out carpet to **4 semi-public sites** located at carpet Regional Distribution Centers (RDCs) in Cypress (Orange County), Fontana (San Bernardino County), Santa Ana (Orange County), and Union City (Alameda County). Addresses and other details for these RDC sites are not published in this appendix because they are not open to the general public.

Table 11-1 lists the 25 new public Drop-off Sites that CARE added to the Program in 2025. The end of this Appendix lists 10 sites that left the Program in 2025.

Table 11-1. New Public Drop-off Sites Added in 2025

Count	County	City	Facility Name
1	Fresno	Clovis	The Carpet Mill Outlet
2	Fresno	Fresno	Romanoff Renovations – Fresno
3	Kern	Mojave	Mojave Landfill – Kern County Public Works
4	Kern	Taft	Taft Landfill
5	Los Angeles	Commerce	LA Interiors
6	Los Angeles	Downey	Target Carpet
7	Los Angeles	Santa Clarita (Newhall)	Brent's Carpet One Floor & Home
8	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	DW Interiors
9	Napa	Napa	Carpet One Floor & Home Design Center
10	Orange	Huntington Beach	Family Floors
11	Placer	Auburn	Recology Auburn Placer
12	Riverside	Cathedral City	Carpet Empire Plus
13	San Diego	Oceanside	Oceanside Abbey Carpet & Flooring
14	San Diego	San Diego	Seamless Flooring – San Diego
15	San Francisco	San Francisco	SFR Recovery, Inc.
16	San Joaquin	Stockton	Romanoff Renovations – Stockton
17	San Joaquin	Stockton	GreenWaste Stockton Resource Recovery Facility & Transfer Station
18	Santa Clara	Morgan Hill	Keller Interiors
19	Shasta	Anderson	Anderson Landfill
20	Sonoma	Petaluma	Tri-County Design Center / BJM Installation Services <i>(left and rejoined in 2025)</i>
21	Stanislaus	Crows Landing	Fink Road Sanitary Landfill
22	Ventura	Moorpark	Seamless Flooring – Moorpark
23	Ventura	Ventura	Gold Coast Recycling
24	Yolo	West Sacramento	Romanoff Renovations – Sacramento
25	Yolo	West Sacramento	Pro Floors Sacramento

11.2.1 Alameda County

City of Berkeley Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

1201 Second St, Berkeley, CA 94710

www.berkeleyca.gov/city-services/trash-recycling/transfer-station

Phone: 510-981-7270

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$149 per ton or \$38.50 minimum charge for loads weighing 330 pounds or less, \$130 for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:30pm.

Fremont Recycling & Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

41149 Boyce Road, Fremont, CA 94538

fremont-recycling.com

Phone: 510-252-0500

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$118.72 per ton with \$55 minimum.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-5:00pm

GreenWaste Transfer Station - Hayward (formerly Hayward Transfer Station) (CARE Drop-off Site)

3458 Enterprise Avenue, Hayward, CA 94545

www.GreenWaste.com/Carpet-Recycling

Phone: 510-606-1548

Email: wes.nelson@greenwaste.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$130 per ton, \$85 per ton discounted fee for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:30pm, Sat 7:00am-3:30pm. Closed on Sundays and holidays vary.

Certified Blue Recycling (CARE Drop-off Site)

2075 Williams Street, San Leandro, CA 94577

www.cbrecycle.com

Phone: 510-346-8800

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: Broadloom carpet for public customers, plus carpet tile for Large Retailers/Installers

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$135 per ton for unprepared carpet, \$70 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-5:00pm. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Davis Street Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

2615 Davis St, San Leandro, CA 94577

DavisStreet.wm.com

Phone: 510-638-2303

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Discounted tip fee for carpet prepared for recycling: Base rate: \$86.33 per ton (not including surcharges and fees). Approximately \$160.34 per ton with fees. Otherwise, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) tip fee: Base rate: \$162.70 per ton (not including surcharges and fees). Approximately \$265 per ton with fees.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-5:00pm, Sat: 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.2 Alpine County

Hung A Lei Ti Woodfords Community Council (CARE Drop-off Site)

96 Washoe Boulevard, Markleeville, CA 96120

www.WoodfordsCommunityCouncil.org

Phone: 775-781-8552 or 775-350-0374

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Free - no fee for carpet.

Hours: Mon and Wed 10:00am-7:00pm.

11.2.3 Amador County

Western Amador Recycling Facility (WARF) (CARE Drop-off Site)

6500 Buena Vista Rd, Ione, CA 95640

www.aceswaste.com/transfer-station-rec

Phone: 209-274-2237

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$85.25 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Sun 9:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.4 Butte County

Recology Butte/Colusa Counties (CARE Drop-off Site)

2720 South 5th Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965

recologybuttecolusa.com

Phone: 530-342-4444

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$35.00 per ton

Hours: Opens at 8:00am.

Notes: Accepts pad when separated.

Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility (NRRWF) (CARE Drop-off Site)

1023 Neal Road, Paradise, CA 95969

www.recyclebutte.net

Phone: 530-879-2352

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$42.11 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Sun 7:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.5 Calaveras County

Pinnell's Carpet One Floor & Home (CARE Drop-off Site)

2892 California 49, Angels Camp, CA 95222

www.pinnellscarpetone.com

Phone: 209-736-2352

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$11 per cubic yard with a \$20 minimum.

Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:00am-3:30pm, Fri 9:00am-2:30pm. Closed on weekends and major holidays.

Rock Creek Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

12021 Hunt Road, Milton, CA 95684

intwaste.calaverasgov.us/Facilities/Rock-Creek-Solid-Waste-Facility,

www.CalaverasRecycles.org

Phone: 209-754-6403

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No fee. The carpeting needs to be clean, dry and free of debris such as tack strips, nails, wood and other flooring materials.

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-4:30pm. Closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

11.2.6 Colusa County

Recology Maxwell Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

3852 Co Rd 99W, Maxwell, CA 95955

www.recology.com/recology-butte-colusa/williams/maxwell-transfer-station

Phone: 530-438-2622

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Tip fee is \$97.17 per ton, carpet prepared for recycling discounted to \$77 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30am-3:00pm. 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9:00am-2:00pm.

11.2.7 Contra Costa County

Contra Costa Waste Service (CARE Drop-off Site)

1300 Loveridge Rd, Pittsburg, CA 94565

www.mdr.com/rcts

Phone: 925-473-0180

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$147.25 per ton, no discount for carpet.

Hours: Open Daily: Businesses 5:00am-6:00pm, General Public 7:00am-6:00pm.

Closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Golden Bear Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

1 Parr Boulevard, Richmond, CA 94801

www.RepublicServices.com/municipality/wccc-ca

Phone: 510-970-7260

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), \$49.30 per cubic yard, \$187.40 per ton. Dry carpet and pad, \$37.00 per cubic yard, \$140.50 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-5:00pm, Sat - Sun 9:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.8 Del Norte County

Del Norte County Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

1700 State Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

recycledelnorte.ca.gov

Phone: 707-465-1100

Email: dnswwa@recycledelnorte.ca.gov

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All carpet and carpet padding, rolled separately

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$63.37 per ton.

Hours: Sat - Sun 9:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.9 El Dorado County

El Dorado Disposal/Waste Connections (CARE Drop-off Site)

4100 Throwita Way, Placerville, CA 95667

www.eldoradodisposal.com

Phone: 530-295-2808

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All CARE-acceptable carpet types, clean and dry

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$96.68 per ton, Free for carpet properly prepared.

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-5:00pm.

South Tahoe Refuse Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

2140 Ruth Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

southtahoerefuse.com

Phone: 530-541-5105

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$22.70 per yard, \$17.00 per ton discount rate for carpet.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.10 Fresno County

The Carpet Mill Outlet (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

1465 Tollhouse Road, Suite 107, Clovis, CA 93611

Phone: 559-292-1351

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Free for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

Central Floor Supply (CARE Drop-off Site)

5963 E Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA 93727

www.centralfloorsupply.com

Phone: 559-291-2000

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No charge for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

Romanoff Renovations – Fresno (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

1155 E North Ave, Suite 108, Fresno, CA 93725

www.RRenovations.com

Phone: 209-232-1609

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$0 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$0 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-2:00pm.

West Coast Waste (CARE Drop-off Site)

3077 S Golden State Frontage Rd, Fresno, CA 93725

www.westcoastwaste.info

Phone: 559-497-5320

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$95 per ton, Discounted tip fee for carpet prepared for recycling: \$75 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Sat 6:00am-6:00pm.

Robinson's Interiors Fresno Warehouse (CARE Drop-off Site)

292 W Herndon Ave, Pinedale, CA 93650

www.robinsonsinteriors.com

Phone: 559-582-2610

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No fee

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

11.2.11 Glenn County

Glenn County Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

5700 County Road 33, Artois, CA 95913

www.countyofglenn.net/dept/public-works/solid-waste-recycling/landfill

Phone: 530-624-0286

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: FREE for properly prepared carpet, otherwise \$100 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-5:00pm. The public is admitted at 8:00am. Waste loads are not accepted after 4:30pm, and operations cease with gate closure at 5:00pm. Closed on Sundays and New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

11.2.12 Humboldt County

Hawthorne Street Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

1059 West Hawthorne Street, Eureka, CA 95501

hwma.net

Phone: 707-268-8680

Email: info@hwma.net

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All types, material must be dry and relatively free of dirt/debris, also accept rebond foam carpet padding.

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$10 per ton (94% discount off regular solid waste tip fee).

Hours: Mon - Sat 8am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm.

11.2.13 Imperial County

Robbie's Floor Coverings (CARE Drop-off Site)

1902 West Euclid Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243

Phone: 760-353-1601

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: No charge

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-5:00pm.

Imperial Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

104 E Robinson Rd, Imperial, CA 92251

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 760-353-1100

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: to be determined.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-3:45pm, Sat 8:00am-12:00pm.

11.2.14 Inyo County

Bishop-Sunland Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

110 Sunland Indian Reservation Road, Bishop, CA 93514

www.inyocountysolidwaste.com

Phone: 760-872-4126

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All CARE-acceptable carpet types, clean and dry

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No charge for carpet.

Hours: Open Daily 7:30am-3:30pm.

11.2.15 Kern County

Bena Sanitary Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

2951 Neumarkel Road, Bakersfield, CA 93203

kernpublicworks.com/waste-management/disposal-site/bena

Phone: 661-862-8900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$80 per ton, \$58 per ton for carpet separated and prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Keller Interiors - Bakersfield (CARE Drop-off Site)

5417 Standard St, Bakersfield, CA 93308

www.KellerInteriors.com

Phone: 661-218-5082

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

McFarland-Delano Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

11249 Stradley Ave, Delano, CA 93215

www.kernpublicworks.com/waste-management/disposal-site/mcfarland-delano

Phone: 661-862-8900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$58 per net ton, \$29 per net ton (50% discount for carpet prepared for recycling).

Hours: Sun, Mon, Thurs, Fri, and Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Kern Valley Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

6092 Wulstein Avenue, Kernville, CA 93238

kernpublicworks.com

Phone: 661-862-8900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$90 per ton, \$68 per ton for carpet that is separated and prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Tue and Thurs - Sun 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Wednesdays, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Mojave Landfill - Kern County Public Works (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

400 Silver Queen Road, Mojave, CA 93501

www.KernPublicWorks.com

Phone: 661-862-5100

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$89.86 per ton, no discount for carpet.

Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat 8:00am-4:00pm; Sun, Tues, and Thurs 8:00am-12:00pm.

Shafter-Wasco Sanitary Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

17621 Scofield Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263

www.kernpublicworks.com

Phone: 661-862-8900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$80 per ton, \$58 per ton for carpet separated and prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Taft Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

13351 Elk Hills Road, Taft, CA 93268

www.KernPublicWorks.com/Services/Solid-Waste

Phone: 661-862-8900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes,

Recycling Fee: \$89.86 per ton, no discount for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat 8:00am-4:00pm; Sun 12:00-4:00pm.

11.2.16 Kings County

Robinson's Interiors, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

230 North 11th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230

www.robinsonscarpetone.com

Phone: 559-582-2610

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No fee

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-5:30pm. Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

11.2.17 Lake County

Eastlake Sanitary Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

16015 Davis Avenue, Clearlake, CA 95422

www.LakeCountyCA.gov/1431/Hazardous-Waste

Phone: 707-994-5888

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$52.89 per ton, or \$10.37 per yard.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:30am-3:00pm.

Lake County Waste Solutions (CARE Drop-off Site)

230 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, CA 95453

candswaste.com

Phone: 707-234-6412

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All CARE-acceptable sites

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$89.80 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:30am-4:00pm.

11.2.18 Lassen County

Zaengles Carpet One Floor & Home (CARE Drop-off Site)

2800 Main St, Susanville, CA 96130

www.zaengles.com

Phone: 530-257-7788

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Free for properly prepared carpet.

Hours: By appointment only.

11.2.19 Los Angeles County

Calabasas Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

5300 Lost Hills Road, Agoura Hills, CA 91301

www.lacsd.org/services/solid-waste/facilities/calabasas-landfill

Phone: 818-889-0363

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$60.32 per ton, no discount for carpet.

Hours: Mon-Sat 8:00am-5:00pm.

Carpet Manufacturers Warehouse (CARE Drop-off Site)

6111 Randolph St, Commerce, CA 90040

www.carpetmfgwhse.net

Phone: 323-888-2424

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Sliding fee based on size of load.

Hours: Mon - Sat 9:00am-5:00pm.

LA Interiors (CARE Drop-off Site)

4169 Union Pacific Ave, Commerce, CA 90023

www.LAInteriorsFloors.com

Phone: 213-804-4977

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$35 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$50 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-11:00am.

HM Flooring Group (CARE Drop-off Site)

1320 West Walnut Street, Compton, CA 90220

www.HMFlooringGroup.com

Phone: 310-532-5081

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: Homeowners (DIYers) \$20, Pick-up Truck/Van \$35 per load, Stake Bed/Box Van \$50 per load. Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-4:00pm.

Target Carpet (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

7140 Firestone Blvd, Downey, CA 90241

www.TargetCarpet.com

Phone: 562-928-2513

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$30 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-3:00pm.

American Waste Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

1449 W Rosecrans Ave, Gardena, CA 90249

www.Republicservices.com

Phone: 310-507-8104

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$125.55 minimum.

Hours: Mon - Fri 5:00am-5:00pm, Sat 5:00am-3:00pm.

Crenshaw Carpet (CARE Drop-off Site)

1617 W Rosecrans Ave, Gardena, CA 90249

www.CrenshawCarpet.com

Phone: 323-295-7731

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$0 for homeowners, \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$50 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-3:00pm.

Event Carpet Pros, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

14301 Alondra Blvd, La Mirada, CA 90638

www.EventCarpetPros.com

Phone: 714-522-7600

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: No fee for homeowners/DIYers, Pick-up Truck/Van, Stake Bed/Box Van.
Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am-4:00pm.

Lancaster Flooring, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

44910 Yucca Ave, Lancaster, CA 93534

www.LancasterFlooring.com

Phone: 661-942-2813

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: to be determined.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm, Sat 7:00am-3:00pm.

Carpet Spectrum (CARE Drop-off Site)

2212 Lomita Drive, Lomita, CA 90717

www.carpetspectruminc.com

Phone: 310-539-8818

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$35 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$50 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-12:00pm.

Maxwell Brothers Flooring America (CARE Drop-off Site)

24632 Narbonne Ave, Lomita, CA 90717

www.MaxwellBrosFlooringAmerica.com

Phone: 310-325-5971

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$0 for homeowners, \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/ Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers). Discounted fee for carpet prepared for recycling: \$10 (Van), \$20 (Box Van).

Hours: Mon - Fri 12:00-5:00pm.

Bel-Art Transfer Station - Republic Services (CARE Drop-off Site)

2495 East 68th Street, Long Beach, CA 90805

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 424-296-6682

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$105.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-4:30pm.

Carpet & Linoleum City (CARE Drop-off Site)

1204 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90804

www.CarpetCityLongBeach.com

Phone: 562-597-6626

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$30 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30am-5:00pm.

American Reclamation, Inc./South Coast Fibers, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

4560 West Doran Street, Los Angeles, CA 90039

www.americanreclamation.com/los-angeles-carpet-recycling-and-disposal

Phone: Toll-free 888-999-9330, Direct 818-552-4068

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$70.00 per ton for mixed C&D or mixed materials, \$45.00 per ton for carpet (not mixed with other materials), 32.14% discount against standard mixed C&D rate.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-5:00pm, Sat 6:00am-3:00pm.

Elite Floor Covering (CARE Drop-off Site)

2255 S Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064

www.eliteflooringsolutions.com

Phone: 310-231-5111

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$20. Space may be limited - larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am-3:30pm.

Falcon Transfer Station (Wilmington) - Republic Services (CARE Drop-off Site)

3031 East I Street, Los Angeles, CA 90744

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 562-259-8531

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$138.14 minimum.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:30am-4:30pm.

Serv-Wel Disposal & Recycling (CARE Drop-off Site)

901 South Maple Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640

www.servwel.com/carpet-recycle-center.html

Phone: 323-726-4056

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$45 per Pick-up Truck (no trash).

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-3:30pm.

Brent's Carpet One Floor & Home (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

24220 Lyons Avenue, Santa Clarita (Newhall), CA 91321

www.brentscarpetonenewhall.com

Phone: 661-255-3337

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$20.00 for homeowners (DIYers), \$35.00 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$50.00 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am- 4:00pm.

EDCO Recycling & Transfer Signal Hill (CARE Drop-off Site)

2755 California Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755

www.edcodisposal.com/signal-hill

Phone: 562-997-1122

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$50 per load. Material must be rolled and free of debris.

Hours: Mon - Sat 6:00am-4:00pm, Sun 9:00am-12:00pm.

Construction & Demolition Recycling, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

9309 Rayo Ave, South Gate, CA 90280

www.c-d-r-inc.com

Phone: 323-357-6900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$98 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 5:00am-9:30pm, Sat 5:00am-2:00pm.

South Gate Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

9530 Garfield Avenue, South Gate, CA 90280

www.lacsd.org/services/solid-waste/facilities/south-gate-transfer-station

Phone: 562-927-0146

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), \$87.86 per ton. Hard-to-handle, \$102.86 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-4:30pm (hand loads), 6:00am-4:45pm (automatic loads).

DFS Flooring, LP (CARE Drop-off Site)

15651 Saticoy Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406

www.DFSFlooring.com

Phone: 818-374-5200

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$75 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$125 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). For larger loads, please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-12:00pm.

DW Interiors (CARE Drop-off Site)

6205 Van Nuys Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 91401

www.DWInteriorsinc.com

Phone: 818-786-0681

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$35 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$50 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30am-3:30pm.

11.2.20 Madera County

Fairmead Landfill -Redrock Environmental Group (CARE Drop-off Site)

21739 Road 19, Chowchilla, CA 93610

www.CagliaEnvironmental.com

Phone: 559-665-7300

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$125.74 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:30pm, Sat 7:00am-2:30pm.

J&M Floor Covering (CARE Drop-off Site)

14634 California 41, Madera, CA 93636

www.JMFloor.com

Phone: 559-285-4869

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: No charge for carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri by appointment only.

Emadco Disposal Service (CARE Drop-off Site)

40287 Oak Park Way, Oakhurst, CA 93644

www.emadcodisposal.com

Phone: 559-683-4680

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$55 per ton and Free for properly prepared carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.21 Marin County

Redwood Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

8950 Redwood Hwy, Novato, CA 94945

RedwoodLandfill.wm.com

Phone: 415-408-9063

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$114.93 (\$88.00 minimum charge). Customer must place in container.

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:00am-3:00pm, Sat 8:00am-3:30pm.

Marin Resource Recovery Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

565 Jacoby Street, San Rafael, CA 94901

marinsanitary.com

Phone: 415-485-5646

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$130 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Tues - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.22 Mariposa County

Mariposa Landfill, Composting, and Recycling Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

5593 Highway 49, Mariposa, CA 95338

www.mariposacounty.org/232/Solid-Waste-Recycling

Phone: 209-966-5165

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All CARE-acceptable types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$121.00 per ton.

Hours: Tues - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Sundays, Mondays, and holidays.

11.2.23 Mendocino County

Caspar Transfer Station and Recycling Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

14000 Prairie Way, Mendocino, CA 95460

CandSWaste.com

Phone: 707-234-6400

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$46.50 per cubic yard.

Hours: Mon - Wed 9:00am-3:00pm, Sat - Sun 9:00am-4:00pm.

Solid Waste Systems (CARE Drop-off Site)

3151 Taylor Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482

candswaste.com

Phone: 707-234-6400

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All CARE-acceptable types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$109 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

Willits Transfer Station and Recycling Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

351 Franklin Avenue, Willits, CA 95490

CandSWaste.com

Phone: 707-234-6400

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$94.30 per ton.

Hours: Tues - Sat 9:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.24 Merced County

Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority Highway 59 Landfill
(CARE Drop-off Site)

7040 North State Highway 59, Merced, CA 95348

www.mcrwma.org

Phone: 209-723-4481

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$43.05 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7am-3:30pm, Sat 7am-12:00pm.

11.2.25 Modoc County

Blue Water Recycling Corporation (CARE Drop-off Site)

504 W 12th St, Alturas, CA 96101

www.BlueWaterRecyclingCorp.com

Phone: 530-233-4896

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$75 per ton.

Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm, Sat 9:00am-2:00pm.

11.2.26 Mono County

Pumice Valley Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

200 Dross Rd, Lee Vining, CA 93541

www.monocounty.ca.gov/solid-waste/page/pumice-valley-landfill-and-transfer-station

Phone: 760-937-2192

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All carpet types, clean and dry

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$100 per ton for mixed C&D, source-separated carpet is \$5 per load.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.27 Monterey County

ReGen Monterey (CARE Drop-off Site)

14201 Del Monte Blvd, Marina, CA 93933

www.ReGenMonterey.org/

Phone: 831-384-5313

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$65 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm, Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

Madison Lane Recycling Center and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

1104 Madison Lane, Salinas, CA 93907

svswa.org/facilities/madison, www.SalinasValleyRecycles.org

Phone: 831-775-3000

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: to be determined.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm, Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.28 Napa County

Devlin Rd Transfer Station - Napa (CARE Drop-off Site)

889 Devlin Road, American Canyon, CA 94503

naparecycling.com

Phone: 707-258-9005

Email: customerservice@naparecycling.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$74 per ton (\$41 minimum charge).

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-4:00pm.

Napa Recycling & Waste Services LLC (CARE Drop-off Site)

820 Levitin Way, American Canyon, CA 94558

naparecycling.com

Phone: 707-256-3500

Email: customerservice@naparecycling.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$60 per ton Carpet only (\$22 minimum charge).

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-4:00pm.

Carpet One Floor & Home Design Center (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

910 Enterprise Way Suite A, Napa, CA 94558, USA

www.CarpetOneNapa.com

Phone: 707-224-6994

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$20 Minimum, \$14 per cubic yard, call in advance for larger volume drop-off.

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm, Sat 10:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Sundays.

11.2.29 Nevada County

McCourtney Road Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

14741 Wolf Mountain Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95949

www.wm.com

Phone: 209-329-5587

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$83.15 per ton.

Hours: Wed - Sun 8:00am-3:30pm.

Premier Floor Covering & Tile Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

731 South Auburn Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

www.premierfloors-gv.com

Phone: 530-868-4340

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$58.20 per ton, \$8.30 per cubic yard, \$5 minimum.

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-3:00pm. Closed on weekends.

11.2.30 Orange County

Republic Services (CARE Drop-off Site)

2740 East Coronado Street, Anaheim, CA 92806

Phone: 714-238-3344

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$87.47 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 5:00am-5:30pm, Sat 5:30am-2:00pm. Closed on Sundays.

Magic Carpet (CARE Drop-off Site)

601-B West Lambert Road, Brea, CA 92821

www.MagicCarpetofBrea.com

Phone: 714-255-0537

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$25 for homeowners (DIYers), \$15 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$25 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:30am-4:30pm.

B&B Carpets and Flooring (CARE Drop-off Site)

5626 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630

www.BandBCarpets.com

Phone: 562-428-7589

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$30 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing.

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-2:00pm by appointment only.

Family Floors (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

5381 West McFadden Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

www.FamilyFlooring.com

Phone: 714-230-0100

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: No fee.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm.

Michael's Carpets (CARE Drop-off Site)

9005 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

www.MichaelsCarpetHB.com

Phone: 714-962-6569

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$50 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$75 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-2:00pm.

Sunset Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

16122 Construction Circle West, Irvine, CA 92606

www.wm.com

Phone: 949-654-1562

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$155 per ton for Solid Waste, Free for Carpet for Irvine residents.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-7:00pm, Sat 6:00am-5:00pm.

California Cushion Co., Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

1205 West Collins Avenue, Orange, CA 92867

Phone: 714-538-5340

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:30am-2:00pm.

Madison Materials (CARE Drop-off Site)

1035 East 4th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

www.MadisonMaterials.com

Phone: 714-664-0159

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: Tip fee \$88 per ton, 50% discounted tip fee of \$44 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-5:00pm, Sat 7:00am-2:00pm.

CR Transfer and Material Recovery Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

11232 South Knott Avenue, Stanton, CA 92841

www.CRRWasteServices.com

Phone: 714-890-6300

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: to be determined.

Hours: Mon - Sun 7:00am-6:00pm.

11.2.31 Placer County

Recology Auburn Placer (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

12305 Shale Ridge Road, Auburn, CA 95602

www.recology.com/

Phone: 530-885-3735 (main office)

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: NO fee: free for carpet prepared for recycling. Carpet that is wet or mixed with other material will be charged a fee.

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-4:45pm.

Western Placer Waste Management Authority (CARE Drop-off Site)

3195 Athens Avenue, Lincoln, CA 95648

www.wpwma.ca.gov

Phone: 916-543-3960

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$88 per ton. No discount for carpet prepared for recycling (same category as mixed C&D).

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-5:00pm, Sat - Sun 8:00am-5:00pm.

Eastern Regional Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

900 Cabin Creek Rd, Truckee, CA 96161

www.waste101.com

Phone: 530-583-7800

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$89.00 per ton, \$9 yard for loads less than 5 yards, no discount for carpet.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

11.2.32 Plumas County

Delleker Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

73980 Industrial Way, Delleker, CA 96122

intermountaindisposal.com/disposal_sites.html

Phone: 530-832-4879

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All carpet types, clean and dry

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$21.81 per ton.

Hours: Sat - Tues 9:00am-4:00pm. Closed at 12:00-12:30pm for lunch.

11.2.33 Riverside County

Carpet Empire Plus (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025
68307 East Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234
www.CarpetEmpirePlus.com
Phone: 800-21FLOOR
Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes
Recycling Fee for prepared carpet: \$50.
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm.

Belott Floor Covering (CARE Drop-off Site)
24955 Ball Rd, Menifee, CA 92585
Phone: 951-704-9778
Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes
Tip Fee: Homeowners (DIYers) \$0, \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).
Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-4:00pm, call to confirm time.

Flooring Innovations (CARE Drop-off Site)
74527 Hwy 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260
www.flooring-innovations.com
Phone: 760-342-2222
Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes
Tip Fee: \$0 for homeowners, \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm.

Keller Interiors - Perris (CARE Drop-off Site)
3470 Webster Ave, Perris, CA 92571
www.KellerInteriors.com
Phone: 951-364-1014
Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes
Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types
Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).
Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:00am-2:00pm, Sat 9:00am-12:00pm.

Robert A. Nelson Transfer Station/Agua Mansa MRF (CARE Drop-off Site)
1830 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside, CA 92509
www.Burrtec.com

Phone: 951-786-0544

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types carpet and pad

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$58 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-6:00pm, Sat 7:00am-4:30pm, Sun 8:00am-3:00pm.

11.2.34 Sacramento County

North Area Recovery Station (NARS) (CARE Drop-off Site)

4450 Roseville Road, North Highlands, CA 95660

www.wmr.saccounty.net/Pages/NARS.aspx

Phone: 916-876-9457

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$77.55 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:30am-6:00pm, Sat - Sun 8:00am-6:00pm.

GreenWaste Florin Perkins Resource Recovery Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

4201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

www.florinperkins.com

Phone: 916-443-5120

Email: wes.nelson@greenwaste.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: Residential carpet only and foam carpet padding

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$80 per ton for solid waste, \$56 per ton for carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-4:45pm, Sat - Sun 8:00am-3:45pm.

Keller Interiors - Sacramento (CARE Drop-off Site)

1200 Del Paso Rd, Sacramento, CA 95834

www.KellerInteriors.com

Phone: 916-306-1617

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

L and D Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

8635 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

www.landdlandfill.com

Phone: 916-383-9420 (site), 916-737-8640 (office)

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$75 per ton solid waste, \$64 per ton for carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:30am-4:30pm, Sat 8:00am-1:00pm. Closed on Sundays.

Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

8491 Fruitridge Rd, Sacramento, CA 95826

www.wm.com/location/california/sacramento-valley/sacramento-recycling.jsp

Phone: 916-739-0500

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$94.13 per ton, \$75.44 minimum charge.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-5:00pm.

Kiefer Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

12701 Kiefer Boulevard, Sloughhouse, CA 95683

www.wmr.saccounty.net/Pages/KieferLandfill.aspx

Phone: 916-876-9436

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$52.85 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:30am-4:30pm, Sat - Sun 8:30am-4:30pm.

11.2.35 San Benito County

RJR Recycling (CARE Drop-off Site)

1771 San Felipe Road, Hollister, CA 95023

www.rjrrecycling.com

Phone: 831-636-7756

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$70 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-5:00pm, Sun 9:00am-3:00pm.

11.2.36 San Bernardino County

HM Flooring Group (CARE Drop-off Site)

10065 Alder Ave, Bloomington, CA 92316

www.HMFlooringGroup.com

Phone: 909-258-2501

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$20 for homeowners (DIYers), \$35 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$50 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm.

CR&R Environmental Services (CARE Drop-off Site)

2059 E. Steel Road, Colton, CA, 92324

www.CRRWasteServices.com

Phone: 800-336-0396 toll-free

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: Please call for pricing.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm.

West Valley MRF and Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

13373 Napa Street, Fontana, CA 92335

www.Burrtec.com

Phone: 909-899-5501

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types carpet and pad

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$63 per ton for solid waste, \$58 per ton for carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-6:00pm, Sat 7:00am-3:00pm, Sun 8:00am-3:00pm.

Advance Disposal Co. (CARE Drop-off Site)

17105 Mesa Street, Hesperia, CA 92345

www.AdvanceDisposal.com

Phone: 760-244-9773

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$75.26 per ton.

Hours: Scalehouse, Mon - Fri 9:00am-3:30pm. Office, Mon - Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

CR&R Environmental Services (CARE Drop-off Site)

9828 Buckwheat Road, Phelan, CA 92371

www.CRRWasteServices.com

Phone: 800-336-0936 toll-free

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: Call for pricing.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm.

Victor Valley MRF (CARE Drop-off Site)

17000 Abbey Lane, Victorville, CA 92394

www.victorvilleca.gov/government/city-departments/community-services/trash-recycling/trash/carpet-recycling, www.urecycle.org

Phone: 760-241-1284

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$15.00 minimum, call for current pricing.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.37 San Diego County

Palomar Transfer Station, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008

www.republicservices.com/municipality/carlsbad-ca

Phone: 760-603-0153

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Call for pricing.

Hours: Mon - Sun 7:30am-4:00pm.

Otay Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

1700 Maxwell Rd, Chula Vista, CA 91911

www.otaylandfill.com

Phone: 619-421-3773

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$90.30 per ton, plus environmental fee and fuel recovery fee.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:30pm, Sat 7:00am-3:00pm.

SANCO Resource Recovery (CARE Drop-off Site)

6750 Federal Blvd, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

www.edcodisposal.com/lemon-grove/where-do-i-take-it/sanco-resource-recovery-lemon-grove.htm

Phone: 619-287-7555

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$51 Per Load, Carpet/Pad must be rolled, dry and free of debris.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:30am-5:30pm, Sat 8:00am-3:00pm.

Oceanside Abbey Carpet & Flooring (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

4001 Avenida De La Plata, Suite 101, Oceanside, CA 92056

www.Oceanside.abbeycarpet.com

Phone: 760-757-5033

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: for homeowners (DIYers) \$20 per load, (Pick-up Truck/Van) \$30 per load, (Stake Bed/Box Van) \$50. Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am - 3:30pm.

Keller Interiors - San Diego (CARE Drop-off Site)

6496 Marindustry Place, Suite A, San Diego, CA 92121

www.kellerinteriors.com

Phone: 619-349-4743

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$0 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$0 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:00am-2:00pm, Sat 9:00am-12:00pm.

Seamless Flooring (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

9080 Activity Rd A, San Diego, CA 92126

www.SeamlessFlooring.com

Phone: 858-257-2586

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: for homeowners (DIYers) \$20 per load, (Pick-up Truck/Van) \$30 per load, (Stake Bed/Box Van) \$50. Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-3:00pm.

EDCO San Marcos Construction Demolition Processing Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

224 South Las Posas Road, San Marcos, CA 92078

www.edcodisposal.com/san-marcos

Phone: 760-744-2700

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$48 per load. Carpet/Pad must be rolled, dry and free of debris.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:00pm, Sat 8:00am-3:00pm

Holly Home Carpets (CARE Drop-off Site)

3130 South Santa Fe Avenue, San Marcos, CA 92069

HollyHomeCarpets.com

Phone: 760-727-2122

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: For Homeowners/DIYers \$15 per load, Pick-up Truck/Van \$25 per load, Stake Bed/Box Van \$50 per load. Larger loads call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm.

Sycamore Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

8514 Mast Blvd, Santee, CA 92071

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 619-562-0530

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: No tip fee for clean, separated loads.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:30pm, Sat 7:00am-3:00pm.

11.2.38 San Francisco County

Recology San Francisco Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

501 Tunnel Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94134

www.recologysf.com

Phone: 415-330-1400

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All carpet types, clean and dry

Tip Fee: \$202.00 per ton, \$45 minimum (any amount under 441.5 pounds), No carpet discount.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:30pm, Sat - Sun 8:00am-4:30pm.

SFR Recovery, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

2401 Ingalls St, San Francisco, CA 94124

www.SFRRecovery.com

Phone: 415-368-2388

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes,

Recycling Fee: \$144 per ton, \$88 for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm, Sat 7:00am-3:00pm.

Smart Demolition and Excavation, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

1225 Van Dyke Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124

www.smartdemoandexcavation.com

Phone: 415-858-3241

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$120; Fee for carpet prepared for recycling, \$80.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am-4:30pm.

11.2.39 San Joaquin County

North County Recycling Center and Sanitary Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

17720 East Harney Lane, Lodi, CA 95240

www.SJCrecycle.org

Phone: 209-887-3868

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$51.44 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-4:00pm, Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Sundays,

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Lovelace Materials Recovery Facility & Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

2323 Lovelace Road, Manteca, CA 95336

www.SJCrecycle.org

Phone: 209-982-5770

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$66.52 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am- 4:00pm, Sat - Sun from 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

GreenWaste Stockton Resource Recovery Facility and Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site) - new in 2025

2435 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205

<https://www.greenwaste.com/services/carpet-recycling/>

Phone: 209-948-0535

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$95 per ton tip fee, \$60 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 5:00am-5:00pm, Sat 6:00am-1:00pm. Closed on Sundays.

Keller Interiors - Stockton (CARE Drop-off Site)

7233 C E Dixon St, Unit C, Stockton, CA 95206

www.KellerInteriors.com

Phone: 209-315-8577

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

Romanoff Renovations – Stockton (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

2230 Stagecoach Road, Stockton, CA 95215

www.RRenovations.com

Phone: 209-232-1576

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$0 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$0 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri, 10:00am-2:00pm.

11.2.40 San Luis Obispo County

Cold Canyon Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

2268 Carpenter Canyon Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

www.coldcanyonlandfill.com

Phone: 805-549-8332

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Discounted tip fee for carpet prepared for recycling: \$45 per ton with a \$40 minimum charge. Customers have to put the carpet in the trailer in order to receive this discounted price. Otherwise additional costs will be added for special handling.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-3:00pm.

Notes: Customers are required to wear safety vests while on site. (If customers do not have safety vests, Cold Canyon Landfill sells safety vests for \$5 a vest.) Call prior to entering facility for site rules and requirements.

11.2.41 San Mateo County

Shoreway Environmental Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

333 Shoreway Rd, San Carlos, CA 94070

www.sbrecycling.net

Phone: 650-802-8355

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$49 per cubic yard.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-6:00pm, Sat - Sun 8:00am-5:00pm.

Blue Line Transfer, Inc. (CARE Drop-off Site)

500 East Jamie Court, South San Francisco, CA 94080

www.ssfscavenger.com/transfer-station/prices-hours

Phone: 650-589-5511

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee: \$160 per ton for solid waste and carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-4:30pm, Sat 8:00am-4:30pm.

11.2.42 Santa Barbara County

City of Lompoc Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

700 Avalon St., Lompoc, CA 93436

www.cityoflompoc.com/government/departments/utilities/solid-waste

Phone: 805-736-9042

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: Free for clean, rolled carpet and padding. \$82.34 per ton for soiled or loose carpet and padding.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am-4:00pm, Sat-Sun 10:00am-3:45pm.

MarBorg Industries C&D Recycling Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

119 N Quarantina St, Santa Barbara, CA 93103

www.marborg.com

Phone: 805-963-1852

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$164 per ton for solid waste, \$115 per ton for carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am- 5:00pm, Sat 6:00am-3:00pm.

South Coast Recycling Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

4430 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

lessismore.org

Phone: 805-681-4345

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$108 per ton for solid waste, \$40 per ton for carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.43 Santa Clara County

Floors Plus - Gilroy (CARE Drop-off Site)

8585 Monterey Road, Gilroy, CA 95020

www.FloorsPlusmh.net

Phone: 408-612-4748

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$10 minimum, \$10 per cubic yard, \$25 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$45 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-5:00pm.

Keller Interiors - Morgan Hill (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

16080 Caputo Drive, Suite 160 170, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

www.kellerinteriors.com

Phone: 408-409-7886

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$0 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$0 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.

Rivera's Fine Flooring (CARE Drop-off Site)

16890 Church Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

www.riverasfineflooring.com/carpet-carpet-recycling

Phone: 408-840-9221

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$8.21 per cubic yard, \$20 minimum.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-5:00pm.

AMS Flooring (CARE Drop-off Site)

1758 Junction Ave, Suite H, San Jose, CA 95112

AMSFlooring.com

Phone: 408-679-3507

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van, \$50 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-3:00pm.

Guadalupe Recycling and Disposal Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

15999 Guadalupe Mines Rd, San Jose, CA 95120

Guadalupe.wm.com

Phone: 408-268-1670

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$95.18 per ton, \$90 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

Premier Recycle Company (CARE Drop-off Site)

260 Leo Avenue, San Jose, CA 95112

www.PremierRecycle.com

Phone: 408-297-7910

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$120 per ton, \$100 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 5:00am-5:00pm.

Zanker Recycling (CARE Drop-off Site)

675 Los Esteros Road, San Jose, CA 95134

www.zankerrecycling.com/zanker-recycling/how-we-recycle/care-california-carpet-stewardship-program/

Phone: 408-263-2384

Email: jerame.renteria@greenwaste.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: Residential Carpet Only and Foam Carpet Padding

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$65 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Fri 6:00am-4:45pm, Sat 8:00am-3:45pm. Closed on Sundays.

Bay Counties SMaRT Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Phone: 408-752-8530

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$107 per ton for solid waste.

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.44 Santa Cruz County

Ben Lomond Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

9835 Newell Creek Road, Ben Lomond, CA 95005

dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us

Phone: 831-336-3951

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: CARE-acceptable carpet only

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$85 per ton solid waste, \$47 per ton carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:30am-3:30pm.

City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

605 Dimeo Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

www.cityofsantacruz.com/resource-recovery-facility

Phone: 831-420-6270

Email: scmu@cityofsantacruz.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All CARE-acceptable carpet types, clean and dry

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$98 per ton tip fee, \$38 per ton of carpet. Reduced fees apply to acceptable carpet properly rolled and loaded in carpet collection container.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:30am-3:30pm.

Notes: Roll carpet and padding separately. No nails, wood, flooring materials or trash.

Open to City of Santa Cruz residents and businesses. North County residents must pay a 28% surcharge above the established rates. Identification is required.

Buena Vista Landfill - Santa Cruz County (CARE Drop-off Site)

1231 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076

www.santacruzcountyrecycles.org

Phone: 831-454-5153

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All except for rubber-back floor cover and rubber or fiber padding.

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$47 per ton for all unincorporated residence including Scotts Valley residence, all others charged 28% surcharge.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:30am-3:30pm.

11.2.45 Shasta County

Anderson Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

18703 Cambridge Rd, Anderson, CA 96007

www.wm.com/us/en/facilities/anderson-landfill

Phone: 530-360-0026

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$89.86 per ton tip fee. Discounted rate for carpet prepared for recycling: to be determined.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00am-3:30pm and Sat 7:00am-12:30pm.

West Central Landfill - City of Redding (CARE Drop-off Site)

14095 Clear Creek Road, Igo, CA 96047

www.cityofredding.org/solidwaste

Phone: 530-396-2555

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$44.50 per ton (demolition), \$20 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am-4:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm.

11.2.46 Sierra County

Loyalton Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

1 Garbage Pit Road, Loyalton, CA 96118

www.sierracounty.ca.gov

Phone: 530-289-3201

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All types of carpet and carpet tiles

Recycling Fee: \$18.83 per ton, Free for properly prepared carpet.

Hours: Sat, Sun, Mon 10:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.47 Siskiyou County

Black Butte Transfer Station - Mount Shasta (CARE Drop-off Site)

3710 Spring Hill Drive, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067

www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/generalservices/page/sanitation

Phone: 530-926-1610

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All types and carpet pad

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$9.65 per cubic yard.

Hours: Mon - Wed, Fri, and Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Thursdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Oberlin Road Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

2420 E Oberlin Rd, Yreka, CA 96097

www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/generalservices/page/sanitation

Phone: 530-842-5865

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$9.65 per cubic yard.

Hours: Mon - Thurs and Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Fridays and Sundays.

11.2.48 Solano County

BJM Installation Services - Benicia (CARE Drop-off Site)

4690 E 2nd St, Suite 8, Benicia, CA 94510

www.bjminstall.com/carpetrecycling

Phone: 707-356-7649

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

Recology Hay Road (CARE Drop-off Site)

6426 Hay Road, Vacaville, CA 95620

www.recology.com/recology-vacaville-solano/hay-road-landfill

Phone: 707-678-4718

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$65 per ton.

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Day. Closed at noon on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve.

Recology Vacaville Solano Recycling Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

855 1/2 Davis St, Vacaville, CA 95687

www.recology.com/recology-vacaville-solano

Phone: 707-448-2945

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: No charge for clean, dry, debris-free carpet.

Hours: Tues - Sat 9:00am-3:00pm.

11.2.49 Sonoma County

Healdsburg Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

166 Alexander Valley Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 707-529-2244

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Tip fee is \$144 per ton, \$100 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

Central Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

500 Meham Rd, Petaluma, CA 94952

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 707-529-2244

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Tip fee is \$144 per ton, \$100 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-3:00pm.

Tri County Design Center / (BJM) Installation Services (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025 (left and returned to Program, both in 2025)

821 Petaluma Boulevard North, Suite A, Petaluma, CA 94952

www.TCDesignCenter.com

Phone: 707-769-1010

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

Conservation Corps North Bay (CARE Drop-off Site)

3555 Airway Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

www.ccnorthbay.org

Phone: 415-454-4554

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All types of carpet and carpet tiles

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Standard vehicle (Pick-up Truck, Van) \$35 per drop-off,

Large vehicle (Box Truck, Trailer, etc.) \$125 per drop-off.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:30am-3:30pm

Global Materials Recovery Services (CARE Drop-off Site)

3899 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95407

www.RepublicServices.com

Phone: 707-782-2678

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: Tip fee is \$164 per ton, \$100 per ton for carpet prepared for recycling.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-5:00pm.

Windsor Material Recovery Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

590 Caletti Ave, Windsor, CA 95492

www.pacificsanitation.com

Phone: 707-838-2597

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: \$166 per ton.

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.50 Stanislaus County

Fink Road Sanitary Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

4000 Fink Rd, Crows Landing, CA 95313

www.StanCounty.com/er/landfill

Website: Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$49.68, discounted rate for carpet to be determined.

Hours: Mon - Sat 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Sundays, Independence Day,

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Closed at noon on Christmas Eve.

11.2.51 Sutter County

Yuba Sutter Household Hazardous Waste Facility (CARE Drop-off Site)

134 Burns Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991

www.YubaSutterRecycles.com

Phone: 530-743-6900

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No fee for carpet - residents only. Commercial customers and loads greater than 3 cubic yards are directed to the Yuba-Sutter Transfer Station in Marysville.

Hours: First Saturday of the month 8:00am-4:00pm (residential customers only).

11.2.52 Tehama County

Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

19995 Plymire Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080

tehamacountylandfill.com

Phone: 530-528-1102

Email: tehamacountyrecycles@co.tehama.ca.us

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$84.92 per ton for solid waste, \$48.27 per ton for carpet only.

Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:30pm, Sat - Sun 8:00am-2:30pm.

11.2.53 Trinity County

Weaverville Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

173 Tom Bell Road, Weaverville, CA 96093

www.trinitycounty.org/Transfer-Sites

Phone: 530-623-1326

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: No charge for carpet prepared for recycling. Wall-to-wall or carpet tile only, no area rugs. Must be rolled, dry, and debris-free. \$24 per cubic yard if deemed unrecyclable.

Hours: Mon, Tue, Fri, and Sat 8:00am-4:00pm.

11.2.54 Tulare County

Keller Interiors - Visalia (CARE Drop-off Site)

1878 N Mooney Blvd #1, Tulare, CA 93274

www.KellerInteriors.com

Phone: 559-890-0002

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$20 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$40 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon -Fri 9:00am-4:00pm.

Franey's Carpet One Floor and Home (CARE Drop-off Site)

525 North Liberty Street, Visalia, CA 93292

www.franeyscarpetonevisalia.com

Phone: 559-733-9990

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Tip Fee: Minimum \$10, \$10/yard. Discounted tip fee for carpet prepared for recycling.

Discount fee only for loads of clean, individually rolled carpet and rolled pad. If customer has other garbage, discount does not apply.

Hours: 8:00am-3:00pm (closed for lunch at 12:00-1:00pm). Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

11.2.55 Tuolumne County

Cal Sierra Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

19309 Industrial Drive, Sonora, CA 95370

www.co.tuolumne.ca.us

Phone: 209-536-1719

Email: communityresources@tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All types of carpet and carpet tiles

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$112.33 per ton for Solid Waste and \$79.78 per ton for Carpet only. Discount fee only for loads of clean, individually rolled carpet and rolled pad. If customer has other garbage, discount does not apply.

Hours: Open Daily 8:00am-4:00pm

11.2.56 Ventura County

Seamless Flooring – Moorpark (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

383 Science Drive, Moorpark, CA 93021

www.SeamlessFlooring.com

Phone: 877-373-3858

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: for homeowners (DIYers) \$20, per load (Pick-up Truck/Van) \$30, per load (Stake Bed/Box Van) \$50. Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-3:00pm.

Del Norte Regional Recycling and Transfer Station (CARE Drop-off Site)

111 S Del Norte Blvd, Oxnard, CA 93030

www.oxnard.org/environmentalresources

Phone: 805-385-8060

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$55.59 per ton. Discounted tip fee for carpet prepared for recycling: No tip fee for residential customers. Carpet must be rolled and debris-free. No discount for commercial customers.

Hours: Mon - Sat 5:30am-5:00pm.

Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (CARE Drop-off Site)

2801 Madera Road, Simi Valley, CA 93065

www.wm.com/location/california/ventura-county/landfill/index.jsp

Phone: 805-579-7267

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: Free

Hours: Mon - Sat 7:00am-4:00pm.

Gold Coast Recycling (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

5275 Colt Street, Ventura, CA 93003

www.GoldCoastRecycling.com

Phone: 805-207-0222

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes,

Recycling Fee: Free, no charge for carpet.

Hours: Mon - Fri: 5:00am-7:00pm and Sat 5:00am-5:00pm.

11.2.57 Yolo County

ProFloors Sacramento (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

2601 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691

www.ProFloorsUS.com

Phone: 916-469-4800

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Recycling Fee: \$10 minimum, \$5 per cubic yard, \$15 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$35 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van).

Hours: Mon - Sat 9:00am-1:00pm.

Romanoff Renovations – Sacramento (CARE Drop-off Site) - New in 2025

3121 Evergreen Ave suite 120, West Sacramento, CA 95691

www.RRenovations.com

Phone: 916-577-4904

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of carpet accepted: All Types

Recycling Fee: \$0 for homeowners (DIYers), \$0 per load (Pick-up Truck/Van), \$0 per load (Stake Bed/Box Van). Larger loads: please call ahead for pricing (larger than Stake Bed and Box Van with Trailers).

Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00am-2:00pm.

Yolo County Central Landfill (CARE Drop-off Site)

44090 County Road 28H, Woodland, CA 95695

www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/integrated-waste-management-division/central-landfill

Phone: 530-666-8727

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$75 per ton or applicable flat fee: garbage can \$6, Auto \$9, mini pick-up \$20, full-sized pick-up \$28. No discount for carpet.

Hours: Mon - Sat 6:30am-4:00pm, Sun 8:00am-4:00pm. Closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

11.2.58 Yuba County

Recology (Sutter/Yuba Counties) (CARE Drop-off Site)

3001 Levee Road, Marysville, CA 95901

www.recologyyubasutter.com

Phone: 530-743-6933

Email: jsillman@recology.com

Do you accept carpet directly from the public? Yes

Kinds of Carpet Accepted: All Types. Clean carpet only.

Tip Fee/Discount for Carpet: \$77.50 per ton.

Hours: Open Daily 7:00am-3:30pm.

Notes: Clean carpet only.

11.2.59 Public Drop-off Sites No Longer Available in 2025

These 10 public Drop-off Sites were removed from the Program in 2025:

- California Waste Services LLC (Los Angeles County)
- Cristal Materials (Los Angeles County)
- Cristal Materials Inc. (Los Angeles County)
- CWS-DTLA (Los Angeles County)
- V&S Carpet and Flooring (Los Angeles County)
- Apex Manufacturing (Riverside County)
- Keller Benicia (Solano County)
- Tri-County Design (BJM) (Sonoma County)
- World of Carpet One (Sonoma County)
- Flooring Liquidator (Stanislaus County)

Additionally, Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC, closed its processing plant in Phoenix, Arizona, and its collection facility in Chula Vista (San Diego County) in 2025, the latter of which was brought on as a CARE public Drop-off Site earlier in 2025. Accordingly, the Chula Vista site both joined and left the Program in 2025. This location is not included in the count of 25 sites that joined the Program or the 10 sites that left the Program in 2025.

11.3 Public Drop-off Sites & Convenient Collection Status

The convenient collection requirements were fully met in 2025, and no additional sites were needed. The following table covers the 174 CARE public Drop-off Sites, which are detailed in Appendix 11.2.

Table 11-2. Public Drop-off Sites & Convenient Collection Status by County in 2025

County	Population (2020 Census)	Drop-off Sites Needed	Drop-off Sites Actual	Additional Sites Needed
Alameda	1,682,353	3	5	0
Alpine	1,204	1	1	0
Amador	40,474	1	1	0
Butte	211,632	1	2	0
Calaveras	45,292	1	2	0
Colusa	21,839	1	1	0
Contra Costa	1,165,927	2	2	0
Del Norte	27,743	1	1	0
El Dorado	191,185	1	2	0
Fresno	1,008,654	2	5	0
Glenn	28,917	1	1	0
Humboldt	136,463	1	1	0
Imperial	179,702	1	2	0
Inyo	19,016	1	1	0
Kern	909,235	2	7	0
Kings	152,486	1	1	0
Lake	68,163	1	2	0
Lassen	32,730	1	1	0
Los Angeles	10,014,009	23	23	0
Madera	156,255	1	3	0
Marin	262,321	1	2	0
Mariposa	17,131	1	1	0
Mendocino	91,601	1	3	0
Merced	281,202	1	1	0
Modoc	8,700	1	1	0
Mono	13,195	1	1	0
Monterey	439,035	1	2	0
Napa	138,019	1	3	0

Appendix 11.3 – Public Drop-off Sites & Convenient Collection Status

County	Population (2020 Census)	Drop-off Sites Needed	Drop-off Sites Actual	Additional Sites Needed
Nevada	102,241	1	3	0
Orange	3,186,989	7	9	0
Placer	404,739	1	3	0
Plumas	19,790	1	1	0
Riverside	2,418,185	5	5	0
Sacramento	1,585,055	3	6	0
San Benito	64,209	1	1	0
San Bernardino	2,181,654	5	6	0
San Diego	3,298,634	7	9	0
San Francisco	873,965	2	3	0
San Joaquin	779,233	1	5	0
San Luis Obispo	282,424	1	1	0
San Mateo	764,442	1	2	0
Santa Barbara	448,229	1	3	0
Santa Clara	1,936,259	4	8	0
Santa Cruz	270,861	1	3	0
Shasta	182,155	1	1	0
Sierra	3,236	1	1	0
Siskiyou	44,076	1	2	0
Solano	453,491	1	3	0
Sonoma	488,863	1	6	0
Stanislaus	552,878	1	1	0
Sutter	99,633	1	1	0
Tehama	65,829	1	1	0
Trinity	16,112	1	1	0
Tulare	473,117	1	2	0
Tuolumne	55,620	1	1	0
Ventura	843,843	1	4	0
Yolo	216,403	1	3	0
Yuba	81,575	1	1	0
Totals	39,538,223	111	174	0

Table Notes: Population data source: 2020 U.S. Census.

11.4 Disposition Facility Addresses: Collector/Sorters, Processors & Manufacturers

CCR 18944(a)(4)(B) Include facility name(s) and address(es) for each method of disposition.

This Appendix lists facility names and addresses for the methods of disposition described in Chapter 4, *Collection & Recycling (Program Outline)*. Quantities for carpet disposition are included in Table 2-1, Table 2-2, and Table 2-3 in Chapter 2. In Section 5.9.3, *Disposition of Post-Consumer Carpet*, Table 5-5 provides carpet disposition quantities for reuse, recycling, energy recovery, and landfill disposal.

Each Program participant must record the disposition facilities used, including facility names, addresses, and quantities. Data veracity is confirmed through Agreed Upon Procedures (AUPs) conducted regularly with participants by CARE's independent accounting firm. CARE has access to these confidential records through periodic reviews and requires participation in regular reporting, recordkeeping, proper management practices, and random site visits to review operations and conduct sampling. Any findings, discrepancies, or inconsistencies are addressed and documented in the AUP files before closure.

11.4.1 Collector/Sorter (CSE) Facility Addresses (for Table 4-3)

Apex Manufacturing LLC

1449 Mesa View Street
Hemet, CA 92543

Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC (Anaheim)

1315 South Claudina Street
Anaheim, CA 92805

Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC (Chula Vista)

187 Mace Street
Chula Vista, CA 91911
(stopped carpet collection in fall 2025, reported with Anaheim location)

Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC (Miramar)

7720 Formula Place
San Diego, CA 92126
(closed in fall 2025, reported with Anaheim location)

Certified Blue Recycling, Inc.

2075 Williams Street
San Leandro, CA 94577

Circular Polymers by Ascend

3390 Venture Drive
Lincoln, CA 95648

Construction & Demolition Recycling, Inc. (CDR, Inc.)

9309 Rayo Ave
South Gate, CA 90280

Gone Green Recycling, LLC

1440 Industrial Way
Sparks, NV 89431

GreenWaste Carpet Recycling

1420 Old Bayshore Highway
San Jose, CA 95112

Interface, Inc.

1503 Orchard Hill Road
LaGrange, GA 30240

Kian Green Up

1360 North Hundley
Anaheim, CA 92806

Los Angeles Fiber Company

10877 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 650
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Repurpose Earth

15001 South Figueroa Street
Gardena, CA 90248

Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

616 East Walnut Avenue
Dalton, GA 30720

Tarkett

311 Smith Industrial Blvd
Dalton, GA 30721

11.4.2 Tier 1 Processor Facility Addresses (for Table 4-4)

Apex Manufacturing LLC

1449 Mesa View Street
Hemet, CA 92543

Aquafil Carpet Collection, LLC

1600 South Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(closed in fall 2025)

Aquafil Carpet Recycling #1

3555 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009

Circular Polymers by Ascend

3390 Venture Drive
Lincoln, CA 95648

Columbia Recycling Corp.

1001 Chattanooga Avenue
Dalton, GA 30720

Interface, Inc.

1503 Orchard Hill Road
LaGrange, GA 30240

Kian Green Up

1360 North Hundley
Anaheim, CA 92806

Los Angeles Fiber Company

10877 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 650
Los Angeles, CA 90024

PRET Advanced Materials, LLC

520 Kingsburg Highway
Johnsonville, SC 29555

Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

616 East Walnut Avenue
Dalton, GA 30720

Tarkett

311 Smith Industrial Blvd
Dalton, GA 30721

11.4.3 Tier 2 Manufacturer Facility Addresses (for Table 4-6)

Apex Manufacturing LLC

1449 Mesa View Street
Hemet, CA 92543

Aquafil Carpet Recycling #1

3555 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009

Aquafil USA, Inc.

1 Aquafil Drive SE
Cartersville, GA 30120

Carlisle Fibers LLC

24053 South Arizona Avenue, Suite 151
Chandler, AZ 85248

Circular Polymers by Ascend

3390 Venture Drive
Lincoln, CA 95648

Columbia Recycling Corp.

1001 Chattanooga Avenue
Dalton, GA 30720

Cross Plains Group

70 Commerce Drive
Chatsworth, GA 30705

GeoHay, LLC

2230 Highway 292
Inman, SC 29349

Kian Green Up

1360 North Hundley
Anaheim, CA 92806

Leggett & Platt

34 East Industrial Court
Villa Rica, GA 30180

MP Global Products LLC

2500 Old Hadar Road
Norfolk, NE 68701

PRET Advanced Materials, LLC

520 Kingsburg Highway
Johnsonville, SC 29555

Reliance Carpet Cushion

10877 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 650
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Rise Building Products, LLC

241 Mohr Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

11.5 Definitions

Advisory Committee: A mandated committee under Public Resources Code Section 42972.1(a) to provide recommendations on carpet stewardship plans, plan amendments, and annual reports. The [Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee webpage](#) provides more information.

Agreed Upon Procedure (AUP): A prescribed procedure executed by an external accounting firm or contractor to examine the records of Program participants to verify compliance and prevent fraud.

Assessment: The amount added to the purchase price of carpet that is subsequently remitted to a stewardship organization or manufacturer, which shall be spent on implementing the carpet stewardship plan.

Calcium Carbonate: Refer to *Post-Consumer Carpet Calcium Carbonate (PC4)*.

Carcass: The remaining carpet backing with residual face fiber that results from a face-fiber shearing operation of carpet.

Carpet: A manufactured article that is used in commercial or residential buildings affixed or placed on the floor or building walking surface as a decorative or functional building interior feature and that is primarily constructed of a top visible surface of synthetic or natural face fibers or yarns or tufts attached to a backing system derived from synthetic or natural materials. *Carpet* includes, but is not limited to, a commercial or a residential broadloom carpet or modular carpet tile. *Carpet* does not include a rug, pad, cushion, or underlayment used in conjunction with, or separately from, a carpet.

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE): A nationwide, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose focus is on post-consumer carpet stewardship.

Carpet as Alternative Fuel (CAAF): Fuel that has been produced from source-separated and sorted post-consumer carpet and processed, including 1) extraction of components for recycling if at all possible, and 2) size reduction, shredding, and/or blending with coal fines, etc. CAAF is not a type of recycling or reduction in disposal for purposes of this Program. CAAF is an alternative fuel source to other fuel sources such as coal, natural gas, and fuel oil.

Carpet-Derived Aggregate: A potential utilization of Recycled Output as an alternative to heavy rock and soil for use in geotextiles, road construction, or similar civil engineering application; similar to *Tire-Derived Aggregate (TDA)*. Examples might include lightweight wall backfill, vibration attenuation, embankment repair, and the like.

Carpet Industry: The universe of participants involved in the production of carpet, including carpet mills, fiber manufacturers, material suppliers, etc. It includes but is not limited to members of The Carpet and Rug Institute, Inc. (CRI).

Carpet Manufacturer: With regard to a carpet that is sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the state, includes, at a minimum: those who manufacture and sell or distribute the carpet under their name or brand; the owner or licensee of a trademark or brand under which the carpet is sold or distributed in the state; those who import carpet into the state for sale or distribution. Refer to *Carpet Stewardship Law* for more detail.

Carpet Mill: A primary producer of carpet, carpet tile, or related products covered under the Plan. A Carpet Mill is also referred to as a *Carpet Manufacturer*.

Carpet Stewardship Law: Includes Assembly Bill 2398 passed in 2010 and amended by AB 1158 in 2017, AB 2097 in 2018, AB 729 in 2019, and their associated regulations, as codified in sections 18940 through 18948 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, and in sections 42970 through 42983 of the Public Resources Code.

CCB: CARE California, LLC, Board. Effective in 2026, CARE SPC was reorganized as CARE California, LLC, to better align its legal structure with operational and regulatory needs.

CDA: Carpet Differential Assessment. Refer to *Differential Assessment*.

Cement Kiln: Cement production facility that may use CAAF as a source of energy, which does not qualify as recycling, and/or as a raw material in the form of enriched PC4 for cement production.

Collected: Gross collected pounds of California PCC (total includes material that may eventually be sent to landfill). Also referred to as *Gross Collected* or *Gross Collection*.

Collection: Any method of consolidating and temporarily storing recovered commercial and/or residential carpet.

Collector/Sorter: A business that provides carpet recycling collection services for retailers, disposal sites, or other sites. *Collector/Sorters* sort received PCC by material type for third-party reuse, or wholesale to Tier 1 processors for recycling; they do not convert material into Recycled Output. Sometimes referred to as *Collector/Sorter Entrepreneur (CSE)*.

Collector/Sorter Entrepreneur (CSE): Refer to *Collector/Sorter*.

Demolition: Represents the teardown of a building (one-time carpet removal). There is no estimate of percentage of flooring covered by carpet.

Differential Assessment: A system in which different assessment amounts are applied per square yard of carpet sold based on its attributes, such as carpet type (broadloom or carpet tile) and amount of post-consumer content (at least 10% or less than 10%). The Program established a Differential Assessment approach to support increases in recycling and to comply with the requirements of AB 729, and the first Differential Assessment was implemented in April 2022.

Discards: Carpet that has completed its lifecycle as a consumer item or is no longer used for its manufactured purpose. Also referred to as *post-consumer carpet materials*.

Disposal: The management of solid waste through landfill disposal, transformation, or engineered municipal solid waste conversion, at a permitted solid waste facility (per Public Resources Code Section 40192). Under this Plan total pounds of post-consumer carpet sent to landfill and incineration are counted as disposal. Disposal of PCC is calculated as estimated PCC Discards minus Recycled Output.

Disposal Facility: Facilities that are licensed and permitted to provide final disposal for the specific wastes they accept, including incineration and landfill.

Diversions: “Diversions” or “divert” means activities which reduce or eliminate the amount of solid waste disposed at landfills in a manner consistent with the state's hierarchy for waste management pursuant to Section 40051. (Reference: 14 CCR §18941)

Diversions: Also known as *Reported Diversions*. The sum of reported PCC that reduces disposal in California landfills. It is calculated as the sum of reported pounds of Reuse + Recycled Output (Type 1 + Type 2) + CAAF + Kiln + WTE + Export.

DSC: Differential Scanning Calorimeter. Analytical testing device for identification of polymer/fiber type based on differential melting points.

Education/Communication or Education and Outreach (E&O) Costs: Refers to expenses incurred in support of marketing, education, and outreach (also referred to as MEO) efforts conducted under the Plan. Includes the cost of market development promotion on-the-ground education and outreach support, communications, collateral and materials development, and related expenses, as well as costs related to the California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee.

End-of-life (EOL) Costs: Program cost associated with the management of carpet discards from the point when a product is discarded by the consumer or the end of the useful life of the product, whichever occurs first. Costs may include subsidies, incentives or other expenditures related to reuse, recycling, landfilling, and other forms of carpet

disposition in line with Program goals. It also includes storage and transportation for the collection Drop-off Site program.

Energy Recovery: Burning carpet in a kiln or Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility or as CAAF to replace other fuels such as coal, natural gas, or fuel oil.

Filler: Materials such as calcium carbonate and the like used in the production of carpet backing.

Governance Costs: Includes costs charged quarterly by CalRecycle for regulatory oversight of the Program.

Gross Collection (GC): Estimated pounds of California PCC removed from the waste stream for reuse, recycling, CAAF, kiln, or WTE, as reported to CARE by Collector/ Sorters and Processors, prior to processing. This also includes some unrecyclable PCC or carpet processing waste that may eventually be sent to landfill.

ID: Identification number; often used in lists and tables in this document.

Implementation Costs: Includes total expenses associated with Program implementation, as the sum of EOL subsidies, incentives, grants, technical assistance, education/communication costs, and program administration costs.

Incineration: Complete burning of material to ashes, with no energy recovery, to reduce waste volume.

In-ground and On-ground Applications (subject to testing protocols): Placing PCC and/or byproducts of carpet at or below the surface of the earth. This application of using PCC must consist of transforming PCC into a useful product, must meet all local government laws and codes, and must be approved by the CARE SPC Definitions Subcommittee.

Input: The post-consumer carpet that is collected, sorted, and readied for processing.

Landfilling: Landfilling includes the placement of post-consumer carpet and/or the residuals from a post-consumer carpet management method into a landfill disposal facility.

Manufacturer: A manufacturer of secondary products made with post-consumer carpet content. Manufacturers receive finished (Type 1) Recycled Output from Tier 1 processors and utilize this material in the production of finished secondary products. In this Plan, secondary manufacturers are referred to as Tier 2 Manufacturers.

Marketing, Education & Outreach (MEO): Communications, education, and outreach activities related to Program promotion, technical assistance, or stakeholder support to

increase Program adoption, impact, and/or effectiveness. Also referred to as *Education & Outreach (E&O)*.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Carpet Stewardship: An agreement entered into by multiple stakeholders, including carpet industry, entrepreneurs, government entities and nongovernmental organizations.

Nongovernmental Entities: Nongovernmental entities or organizations (NGOs).

On-ground Applications: Refer to *In-ground and On-ground Applications*.

PC4: Refer to *Post-Consumer Carpet Calcium Carbonate (PC4)*.

Plasma: An extreme thermal process using plasma which converts organic matter into a syngas (synthesis gas), which is primarily made up of hydrogen and carbon monoxide. A plasma torch powered by an electric arc is used to ionize gas and catalyze organic matter into syngas, with slag remaining as a byproduct. It is used commercially as a form of waste treatment and has been tested for the gasification of municipal solid waste, biomass, industrial waste, hazardous waste, and solid hydrocarbons, such as coal, oil sands, petcoke, and oil shale.

Post-Consumer Carpet Calcium Carbonate (PC4) (subject to testing protocols): The residual, non-fiber content that is collected by a *Type 1 Processor* when a carpet is separated. This is typically in the form of a powder, which is associated with the “ash content” when an ash test is performed. The substance can be a high PC4 product or a mix that could include coal fly ash, cured adhesives, and some residual fibers. Because of the carpet manufacturing processes, PC4 in PCC processing will always have residual latex or other backing binder.

Post-Consumer Carpet (PCC) Materials: Carpet that has completed its lifecycle as a consumer item or is no longer used for its manufactured purpose. Also referred to as *Discards*.

Post-Industrial/Pre-Consumer Carpet Material: Carpet materials generated in manufacturing and conversion processes, including, but not limited to, manufacturing scrap and trimmings/cuttings.

Processing: Preparing carpet material for reuse, recycling, CAAF, kiln, WTE, or disposal. It is meant to refer to some form of mechanical or chemical processing beyond cutting flats, sorting, or baling whole carpet.

Processor: A company that uses a process including but not limited to shredding, grinding, shearing, depolymerization, etc., to convert discarded whole carpet into finished Recycled Output that is ready to be utilized as an input material for

manufacturing products. In this report, processors are referred to as Tier 1 processors. Some processors may also function as Collector/Sorters or Tier 2 manufacturers.

Processor Capacity: Theoretical maximum volume of carpet discards able to be processed by participating processors in a given year, based on self-reported estimates and/or permitted capacity figures.

Program Administrative Costs: Non-subsidy Program expenses, including accounting, legal services, CARE facilities and operational expenses, staffing/contractor expenses, professional services, and miscellaneous activities.

Pyrolysis: A thermochemical decomposition of organic material in the absence of oxygen (or any halogen). It involves the simultaneous change of chemical composition and physical phase and is irreversible. Pyrolysis is a type of thermolysis and is most commonly observed in organic materials.

RCRC: Rural County Representatives of California, a 35-member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties.

Recovered: Refer to *Gross Collection*.

Recyclability: Recyclability means program capacity to recycle the various types of PCC fiber types that are collected. Recyclability is a function of many variables including collectability, processability, and market demand.

Recycled Content: Also known as recovered material content, it is the percentage of material, by weight, a product is made from that has been recovered from consumers in the municipal solid waste stream (post-consumer recycled content), plus any industrial materials salvaged for reuse (pre-consumer/post-industrial content).

- **Post-Consumer Recycled Carpet Content (PCRCC):** The amount or percent of carpet, by weight, that is no longer used for or has served its manufactured purpose, that is incorporated into the manufacturing process of the same or a different product.
- **Post-Industrial/Pre-Consumer Recycled Carpet Content:** The amount or percent of carpet material, by weight, generated by manufacturers or product converters, such as trimming, overruns, and products returned to the carpet mills that are incorporated back into the manufacturing process of the same or a different product.

Recycled Output (RO): The sum of reuse plus the material that results from the industry-recognized processing (shredding, shearing, hammer-milling, depolymerization, etc.) of PCC from a Processor. Examples of Recycled Output include

fiber, shredded carpet tile, depolymerized chemical components, carpet filler, PC4, etc. The Program currently distinguishes between two types of material:

- **Type 1 Recycled Output Material:** Higher value Recycled Output with the most benefits to manufacturers of finished products and which generally takes more processing to achieve. Type 1 recycled materials must meet requirements set by CARE. This includes maximum allowable ash content requirements, which are presently set at 25% or less and verified with quarterly ash testing in line with CARE-approved testing protocols. Examples of Type 1 recycled materials include PCC fiber, PCC backing, engineered resins, and material for carpet cushion.
- **Type 2 Recycled Output Material:** Lower-valued Recycled Output with generally lower benefit to manufacturers of finished products and a lower value than Type 1 recycled materials. Type 2 recycled materials exceed 25% ash content in line with CARE-approved testing protocols. Examples of Type 2 recycled materials include carpet filler and non-functional filler.

Recycling: The process, consistent with PRC Section 40180, of converting post-consumer carpet into a useful product that meets the quality standards necessary to be used in the marketplace. Transforming or remanufacturing discarded carpet materials into usable or marketable materials, rather than for disposal, incineration, WTE, CAAF, or reuse.

Recycling Efficiency Rate: The ratio of Gross Collection converted into Recycled Output, expressed as a percentage of Gross Collection; formerly referred to as *Yield* or *Gross Collection Conversion Rate*.

Recycling Rate: The proportion of carpet discards converted into *Recycled Output*, expressed as a percentage of carpet *Discards*.

Retailer: A person who offers new carpet in a retail sale, as defined in Section 6007 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, including a retail sale through any means, including remote offerings such as sales outlets, catalogs, or an internet website or other similar electronic means.

Reuse: The donation or sale of recovered carpet back into the market for its original intended use. The reuse of recovered carpet retains the original purpose and performance characteristics of the carpet.

Rug: A loose-laid (not installed or attached at wall base) soft floor covering manufactured from natural or synthetic fiber, including carpet cut into room or area dimensions that is not intended to cover the entire floor. Consistent with statute, the scope of this Plan excludes Rugs.

Rural County: California counties that meet the CalRecycle definition of rural: “A rural county is defined as a county which disposes of less than 200,000 tons of waste annually.” (Public Resources Code Section 40183-4)

SFOC: Sustainable Fund Oversight Committee of CARE.

Sorting: The method used for separating collected carpet into the various backing types (e.g., PVC, SBR latex, etc.) and/or fiber types (e.g., Nylon 6, Nylon 6,6, Polypropylene, PET).

Source Reduction: The result of using less product or material in manufacturing and use of carpet (also known as dematerialization), and/or reducing the amount of discarded carpet generated. For the purposes of this plan, source reduction specifically refers to the reduction of PCC ultimately sent to landfill.

Source Separation: The process by which carpet is separated/segregated from all other materials at the end of its useful life (or when discarded).

SPC: Stewardship Planning Committee of CARE. Effective in 2026, CARE SPC was reorganized as CARE California, LLC, to better align its legal structure with operational and regulatory needs (refer to CCB).

Throughput: The total amount of material received at a facility, in tons or pounds per year for a specific activity in a given year, equal to *Gross Collection*. *Throughput* is presented in combination with a summary of final disposition data for gross collected discards managed by participating Processors and Collector/Sorters.

Tier: Distinguishes end-market uses of PCC Recycled goods. Where the term *Type* distinguishes between the level of processing of PCC, *Tier* is used to differentiate the end product applications that may or may not need incentives to facilitate their adoptions. Examples of Tier 2 finished products from Type 1 PCC fibers: depolymerization, fiber pad, home insulation batting, plastic lumber, engineered pellet, and non-woven filtration waddles.

Type 1 and Type 2: Refer to *Recycled Output (RO)*.

Waste-to-Energy (WTE): Process of recovering thermal energy from solid waste through combustion.

Yield: The ratio of *Gross Collection* converted into *Recycled Output*, expressed as a percentage of *Gross Collection*; currently referred to as *Recycling Efficiency Rate*.

11.6 Subsidies & Incentive Payouts Summary

Table 11-3. Recycler Base and Current Supplemental/Pilot Subsidies (per pound)

Subsidy Category	PET	PP	Nylon 6	Nylon 6,6	Other Broadloom	Carpet Tile	Other
Collector/Sorter Broadloom, Shipped (Base)	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	NA	NA
Collector/Sorter Broadloom, Shipped (Supplemental)	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	NA	NA
Collector/Sorter Broadloom, Shipped (Supplemental) Out-of-State Shipment Reduction	-\$0.02	-\$0.02	-\$0.02	-\$0.02	-\$0.02	NA	NA
Collector/Sorter Broadloom, Reused (Base)	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	NA	NA
Collector/Sorter Carpet Tile Reuse (Base)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.10	NA
Collector/Sorter Carpet Tile Reuse or Recycling, Shipped (Base)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.05	NA
Collector/Sorter Carpet Tile Reuse (Pilot)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.20	NA
Processor Type 1 RO (Base)	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10	NA	NA
Processor Type 2 RO (Base)	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$0.03	NA	NA
Processor Type 1 RO (Supplemental)	\$0.05	\$0.05	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Processor Highest Recyclability	NA	NA	\$0.05	\$0.05	NA	\$0.05	NA
Processor PC4 as Raw Material (Base)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.17
Processor Carpet Tile Recycled (Base)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.10	NA
Processor Carpet Tile Recycled (Pilot)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0.20	NA

Appendix 11.6 – Subsidies & Incentive Payouts Summary

Subsidy Category	PET	PP	Nylon 6	Nylon 6,6	Other Broadloom	Carpet Tile	Other
Processor Type 1 Fiber Additional Subsidy	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.05	NA	NA	NA
Manufacturer RO Utilized (Base)	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.10	\$0.10	NA	NA	NA
Manufacturer RO Utilized (Supplemental)	NA	NA	\$0.15	\$0.03	NA	NA	NA
Manufacturer Pellet Subsidy (Base)	\$0.11	\$0.05	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Manufacturer International (Supplemental)	NA	NA	\$0.25	\$0.13	NA	NA	NA

Table Notes: “Other Broadloom” includes wool and other mixed fibers. “NA” means not applicable.

Table 11-4. Collector/Sorters (CSEs): Summary of Subsidy and Incentive Payouts

Row	CSE Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
1	CSE Reporting Incentive (CSE)	\$1,000/ month	No change anticipated.	Initiated 2014	NA	Incentive; not subject to guaranteed timeline
2	Broadloom Recycling Collected, Sold, and Shipped	\$0.02/ pound	For self-collected, sorted, sold, and shipped California pounds.	CA Program- approved under current Plan purview; retroactive to Q3 2015	3	Subject to adjustment, beginning Q4 2017
3	Reuse	\$0.10/ pound	For self-collected and shipped/sold or donated carpet tile or broadloom for the purpose of reuse.	Effective Q2 2015; clarified June 2015 as applicable to the reuse of both broadloom and carpet tile, and retroactive to Q2 2015	1, 3	Subject to adjustment, beginning Q4 2017
4	Carpet Tile Reuse or Recycling Collected, Sold, and Shipped	\$0.05/ pound	For California-generated carpet tile collected, shipped, and sold for recycle/reuse or donated for reuse.	Effective Q1 2018	NA	Initiated as a 6 month pilot, effective January 1, 2018, and still in effect

Appendix 11.6 – Subsidies & Incentive Payouts Summary

Row	CSE Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
5	Supplemental Subsidy (started in COVID-19 Action Plan): Additional Broadloom Recycling Collected, Sold, and Shipped	\$0.02/ pound	Initiated as an emergency fiscal support to aid cashflow for collected broadloom in direct response to COVID-19 pandemic, reviewed quarterly.	Effective March 1, 2020	NA	Initiated as temporary pandemic related fiscal support, effective March 1, 2020, reviewed quarterly. The special COVID-19 subsidy has since been incorporated into ongoing Supplemental Subsidies.
6	Carpet Tile Reuse PILOT: Additional Carpet Tile Reuse Collected, Sold, and Shipped	\$0.20/ pound	Pilot subsidy to support additional carpet tile reuse by CSEs.	Effective April 1, 2021	NA	Initiated 4/1/2021
7	Collector/Sorter Broadloom, Shipped (Supplemental) Out-of-State Shipment Reduction	-\$0.02/ pound	Applies to all collected and sorted broadloom fiber types by California CSEs who ship carpet out of state for processing.	Effective April 1, 2024	NA	Subject to adjustment or cancellation

Table 11-5. Tier 1 Processors: Summary of Subsidy and Incentive Payouts

Row	Processor Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
8	Carpet Tile Recycled	\$0.10/ pound	For carpet tile recycled output	Effective Q2 2015	1	Subject to adjustment, beginning Q4 2017
9	Type 1 Recycled Output Payout	\$0.10/ pound	Adjusted subsidy payout from \$0.06/pound to \$0.10/pound, tied to market indices; (Type 1 refers to recycled fiber output within ash content thresholds, currently less than 25% ash)	In Plan v.3.2.2 – March 2014; base payout rate adjustable, may be tied to market indicator using Models	3	\$0.06/pound subject to adjustment, beginning; Q4 2017; \$0.04/pound adjustable quarterly effective Jan. 2016.
10	Type 2 Recycled Output Payout	\$0.03/ pound	Type 2 refers to recycled output with higher ash content thresholds, currently more than 25% ash.	In Plan v.3.2.2 – March 2014	NA	Subject to adjustment, beginning Q4 2017

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Row	Processor Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
11	Type 2 PC4 (Calcium Carbonate) Payout	\$0.17/ pound	Non-fiber recycled output containing predominately calcium carbonate for use as feedstock in secondary products; currently \$0.17/pound	Change 1, effective Q2 2015; change 2, in June 2015; change 3, effective Q3 2015; [For use as a raw material (recycled output feedstock) only]	1, 3	Subject to adjustment, beginning Q4 2017
12	Commercial Broadloom	\$0.02/ pound	For California-generated commercial broadloom recycled output. NOTE: this incentive is currently suspended and not in force	Initially slated to go into effect implemented Effective Q3 2018, but implementation suspended due to operational concerns	NA	Initiated beginning Q3 2018

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Row	Processor Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
13	Highest Recyclability	\$0.05/ pound	For California-generated PCC fibers meeting the Highest Recyclability parameters defined by the HR Committee (Plan Table 6), and calculated through the Subsidy Justification Model. Beginning 1/1/19, Nylon 6 and Nylon 6,6 broadloom and carpet tile qualify for Highest Recyclability incentive.	Effective Q1 2019	NA	Initiated Q1 2019
14	Supplemental Subsidy (started in COVID-19 Action Plan): Additional Type 1 PET and Polypropylene Payout	\$0.05/ pound	Initiated as an emergency fiscal support for California-generated PET and PP Type 1 fiber output, in direct response to COVID-19 pandemic impacts on market conditions, reviewed quarterly.	Effective July 1, 2020	NA	Initiated as a temporary fiscal support, effective July 1, 2020, reviewed quarterly. The special COVID-19 subsidy has since been incorporated into ongoing Supplemental Subsidies.

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Row	Processor Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
15	Processor Type 1 RO (Supplemental) Out-of-State Processing Reduction	-\$0.025/ pound	Applies to all PET and PP broadloom carpet processed by non-California processors	Effective April 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Discontinued effective January 1, 2025	NA	Subject to adjustment or cancellation
16	Carpet Tile Recycling PILOT: Additional Carpet Tile Recycling Output Payout	\$0.20/ pound	Pilot subsidy to support additional carpet tile processing by Processors	Effective April 1, 2021	NA	Initiated 4/1/2021
17	Processor Type 1 Fiber Additional Subsidy	\$0.05/ pound	Additional \$0.05 per pound of processed broadloom Nylon 6, Nylon 66, PET, and PP.	Effective January 1, 2024	NA	Subject to adjustment or cancellation

Table 11-6. Tier 2 Manufacturers: Summary of Subsidy and Incentive Payouts

Row	Manufacturer Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
18	Tier 2 Manufacturer Non-Nylon Payout	\$0.25/ pound	For Type 1 non-nylon recycled output used as a feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products; currently \$0.25/pound.	Change 1, effective Q2 2015; change 2, retroactive to Q3 2015. Effective Q3 2018, superseded by Tier 2 Manufacturer PET Payout (row 19) and Tier 2 Manufacturer Polypropylene Payout (row 20) subsidies.	1, 3	Subject to adjustment, beginning Q4 2017
19	Tier 2 Manufacturer PET Payout	\$0.25/ pound	For Type 1 PET recycled output used as a feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products; currently \$0.25/pound.	Effective Q3 2018	NA	Initiated July 1, 2018; as a break-out from Non-Nylon

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Row	Manufacturer Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
20	Tier 2 Manufacturer Polypropylene Payout	\$0.25/ pound	For Type 1 Polypropylene recycled output used as a feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products; currently \$0.25/pound.	Effective Q3 2018	NA	Initiated July 1, 2018; as a breakout from Non-Nylon
21	Tier 2 Manufacturer Nylon 6 Payout	\$0.10/ pound	For Type 1 nylon 6 recycled output used as a feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products; currently \$0.10/pound.	Effective Q4 2017	NA	Initiated as a 6-month pilot, effective October 1, 2017, and remains in effect
22	Tier 2 Manufacturer Nylon 6,6 Payout	\$0.10/ pound	For Type 1 Nylon 6,6 recycled output used as a feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products; currently \$0.10/pound.	Effective Q1 2019	NA	Initiated Q1 2019
23	Tier 2 Manufacturer PET Pellets Payout	\$0.11/ pound	For California-generated PET fiber converted into PET Pellets.	Effective Q4 2019	NA	Initiated Q1 2019

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Row	Manufacturer Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
24	Tier 2 Manufacturer Polypropylene Pellets Payout	\$0.05/ pound	For California-generated Polypropylene fiber converted into Polypropylene Pellets.	Effective Q1 2020	NA	Initiated Q1 2020
25	Supplemental Subsidy (started in COVID-19 Action Plan): Additional Nylon 6 Payout	\$0.15/ pound	Initiated as an emergency fiscal support for Type 1 Nylon 6 recycled output used as feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products, in direct response to COVID-19 pandemic impacts on market conditions, reviewed quarterly.	Effective July 1, 2020	NA	Initiated as a temporary fiscal support, effective July 1, 2020, reviewed quarterly. The special COVID-19 subsidy has since been incorporated into ongoing Supplemental Subsidies.

Appendix 11.6 – Subsidies & Incentive Payouts Summary

Row	Manufacturer Subsidy/ Incentives	Payout Rate	Description	Timeline/ Date of Action	Addendum	Notice
26	Supplemental Subsidy (started in COVID-19 Action Plan): Additional Nylon 6,6 Payout	\$0.03/ pound	Initiated as an emergency fiscal support for Type 1 Nylon 6,6 recycled output used as feedstock in the manufacture of secondary products, in direct response to COVID-19 pandemic impacts on market conditions, reviewed quarterly.	Effective July 1, 2020	NA	Initiated as a temporary fiscal support, effective July 1, 2020, reviewed quarterly. The special COVID-19 subsidy has since been incorporated into ongoing Supplemental Subsidies.
27 (new)	Type 1 Nylon 6 broadloom fiber shipped internationally for Tier 2 conversion	\$0.25/ pound	Pilot subsidy to support additional Type 2 manufactured products and outlets in international markets	Effective December 1, 2025	NA	Initiated 12/1/2025
28 (new)	Type 1 Nylon 6,6 broadloom fiber shipped internationally for Tier 2 conversion	\$0.13/ pound	Pilot subsidy to support additional Type 2 manufactured products and outlets in international markets	Effective December 1, 2025	NA	Initiated 12/1/2025

11.7 Examples of Education & Outreach Materials

The following pages contain examples of education and outreach materials that the California Carpet Stewardship Program used in 2025:

1. **“Carpet Recycling in California” brochure** (Spanish version pictured) distributed to retailers to inform their customers, cover image included (1 page). The full 8-page brochure is available on CARE’s website in English and Spanish.
2. **Installer Video** (cover, 1 page) – English and Spanish versions shot and promoted in 2025.
3. **Program Highlights Newsletter** (front side, 1 page) mailed to ~10,000 installers and retailers in June 2025
4. **Public Drop-off Locations” booklet**, October 2025 issue, cover image included (1 page). The full 24-page booklet is available for download on CARE’s website.
5. **Local Government Flyer for Fresno County** (2 pages), Customized digital flyer provided to Fresno County, in English and Spanish, for on-demand printing and use in recycling outreach efforts, including distribution at public service counters.

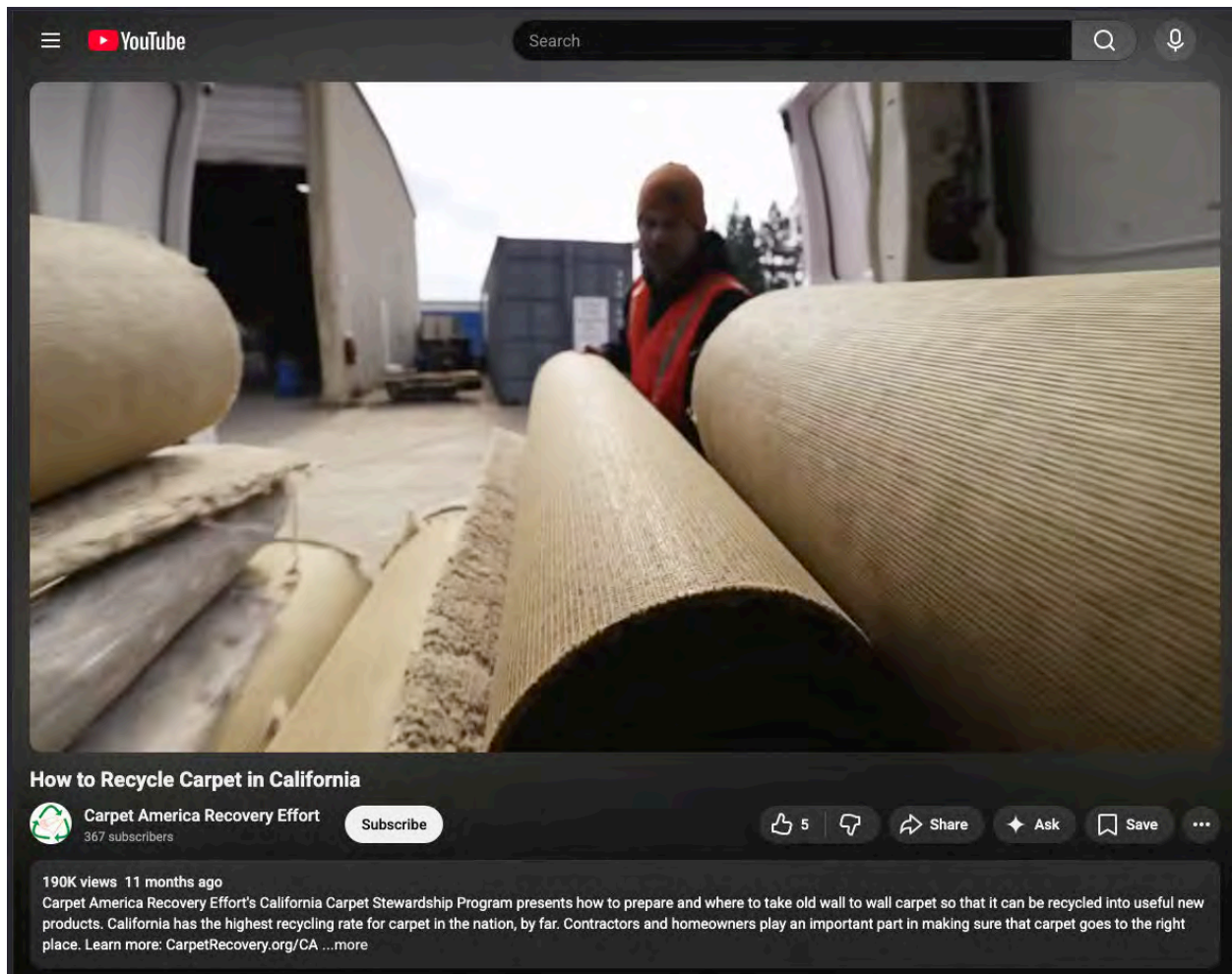
11.7.1 Example 1. Carpet Recycling in California Brochure

This “**Carpet Recycling in California**” brochure (Spanish version pictured) was distributed to retailers to inform their customers. A cover image of the Spanish version is shown on this page. The full 8-page brochure is available on CARE’s website, in both an [English version](#) and a [Spanish version](#).



11.7.2 Example 2. Installer Video

The Program created and promoted an updated **Installer Video** in 2025. A screenshot is shown below, and an [English version](#) and a [Spanish version](#) are both available for viewing on YouTube.



11.7.3 Example 3. Program Highlights Newsletter

CARE mailed a Program Highlights Newsletter to approximately 10,000 Installers and Retailers in June 2025. The first page is shown below, and the full 4-page [newsletter](#) is available on CARE's website.

CARPET RECYCLING IN CALIFORNIA

SUMMER 2025

California Achieves Record Carpet Recycling Rate



Carpet Recycling Rate Soars



Year	Recycling Rate (Annual)
2015	10.1%
2018	15.3%
2021	27.9%
2024	38.5%

The California Carpet Stewardship Program saw a highly successful 2024, reaching its **highest annual recycling rate to date of 38.5%**—exceeding the annual goal of 34%. The recycling rate exceeded goal for the third year running; indeed, the California carpet recycling rate has more than tripled since 2016. This recycling rate for carpet has not been achieved anywhere else in the world. Since the Program started, CARE recyclers have collected more than 1.3 billion pounds of old carpet.

Also in 2024, the Program continued to **expand its public drop-off sites**, adding 16 new sites for a total of 159, serving all 58 California counties; more sites are being added in 2025. See the map at CarpetRecovery.org/CA for detail on site location, hours and fees. Many sites offer a reduced rate or no fee for carpet prepared for recycling.

Over 82 million pounds of carpet was collected in 2024, and 90.5% of all the carpet collected was recycled. The Program also exceeded its goals for carpet reuse and the number of products made from post-consumer carpet, while reducing carpet disposal.



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PUBLIC DROP-OFF SITES STATEWIDE



38.5%

RECYCLING RATE



82,726,893

POUNDS OF CARPET COLLECTED



90.5%

OF CARPET COLLECTED WAS RECYCLED



113

POST-CONSUMER CARPET PRODUCTS

Videos for Installers

Flooring contractors and installers are a very important part of increasing carpet collection for recycling. CARE's outreach team often tables at supply houses, regional distribution centers and other locations to let installers know about carpet recycling in their area. CARE offers videos in English and Spanish covering the basics of carpet recycling for flooring contractors; see: CarpetRecovery.org/CA-Installers.






An initiative of CARE: Carpet America Recovery Effort

CarpetRecovery.org/CA

11.7.4 Example 4. Public Drop-off Locations Booklet

The Program regularly updates its Public Drop-off Locations booklet. The cover page of the October 2025 issue is shown below. The full 24-page [booklet](#) is available for download on CARE's website.



11.7.5 Example 5. Local Government Flyer for Fresno County

In 2025, the Program prepared customized digital flyers for members of the Local Government Task Force. An example for **Fresno County** is included here, in both English (on this page) and Spanish (next page) versions. The flyer is available for on-demand printing and use in recycling outreach efforts, including distribution at public service counters.

Fresno County Proudly Recycles Carpet!

Fresno County Drop-off Sites:

Central Floor Supply
Address: 5963 E Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA 93727
Phone: (559) 291-2000

J&M Floor Covering
Address: 14634 California 41, Madera, CA 93636
Phone: (559) 285-4869

Robinson's Interiors Fresno Warehouse
Address: 292 W Herndon Ave, Fresno, Pinedale, CA
Phone: (559) 582-2610

West Coast Waste
Address: 3077 S Golden State Frontage Rd, Fresno, CA 93725
Phone: (559) 497-5320

There are 4 public drop-off sites for carpet recycling in Fresno County. Look for the sites near you!

Find the site nearest you!
See locations, hours and fees:
CarpetRecovery.org/CA

Some sites offer recycling fee discounts.

California's retailers, installers and building contractors are key players for recycling old carpet. Thank you for doing your part!

Is Your Carpet Ready for Recycling?

- ✓ Keep it dry with no debris
- ✓ Cut into manageable sections and rolled
- ✓ Separate from pad
- ✓ Stack carpet tile
- ✓ Drop off carpet for recycling!

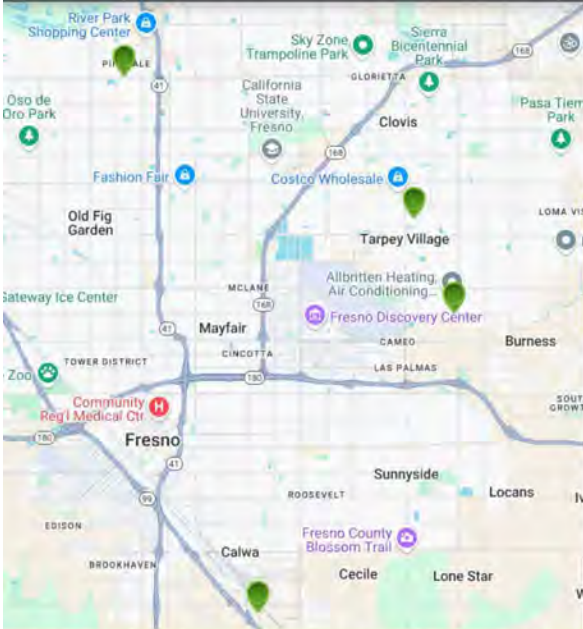
See locations, hours and fees:
CarpetRecovery.org/CA

Watch our video (English and Spanish versions) to learn how to prepare carpet and where to take it. Thank you! CarpetRecovery.org/CA-Installers

Condado de Fresno ¡Orgullosos de reciclar alfombras!



**California Carpet
Stewardship Program**
An initiative of CARF: Carpet America Recovery Effort



En el Condado de Fresno hay 4 puntos públicos de entrega para el reciclaje de alfombras. ¡Busque los sitios cerca de usted!

¡Encuentre el sitio más cercano! Consulte los lugares, horarios y tarifas: CarpetRecovery.org/CA



Puntos de entrega de reciclaje de alfombras del Condado de Fresno:

Central Floor Supply
Dirección: 5963 E Clinton Ave, Fresno, CA 93727
Teléfono: (559) 291-2000

J&M Floor Covering
Dirección: 14634 California 41, Madera, CA 93636
Teléfono: (559) 285-4869

Robinson's Interiors Fresno Warehouse
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Algunos sitios ofrecen descuentos en las tasas de reciclaje.

Los minoristas, instaladores y contratistas de la construcción de California son actores clave para el reciclaje de alfombras viejas. ¡Gracias por poner de su parte!

¿Su alfombra está lista para el reciclaje?

- ✓ Manténgala seca y sin residuos
- ✓ Córta-la en secciones manejables y enróllela
- ✓ Sepárela de la capa base
- ✓ Apile la alfombra en losetas
- ✓ ¡Lleve la alfombra al reciclaje!

Consulte los lugares, horarios y tarifas: CarpetRecovery.org/CA



Vea nuestro video (versiones en inglés y español) para saber cómo preparar la alfombra y dónde llevarla. ¡Gracias! CarpetRecovery.org/CA-Installers

11.8 Annual Report Review Checklist

CalRecycle provided the checklist of statutory and regulatory requirements included in Table 11-7 (statutory requirements) and Table 11-8 (regulatory requirements) on the following pages. CalRecycle provided this list as of May 26, 2023, and confirmed in February 2026 that it has not changed. CARE added the “Section & Pages” column to show where in this 2025 Annual Report the required elements are addressed.

CalRecycle’s introduction to the checklist states:

By September 1 of each year, a manufacturer of carpet sold in the state shall, individually or through a carpet stewardship organization, submit to the department an annual report. This checklist includes statutory and regulatory requirements that carpet stewardship annual reports must address. Annual reports must also meet requirements specific to a carpet manufacturer or stewardship organization's program found in its approved stewardship plan and CalRecycle Request for Action documents on CalRecycle's [Stewardship Plan](#), [Annual Reporting](#), and [Program Goals](#) webpages. This checklist is not intended to provide a comprehensive list of legal requirements and should be checked for statutory or regulatory changes prior to use. Use of this checklist is voluntary.

Table 11-7. Statutory Requirements from California Public Resources Code (PRC)

Row	Statutory Requirements	Sections & Pages
1	PRC 42972(a)(2) Achieve a 24-percent recycling rate for post-consumer carpet by January 1, 2020, and any other recycling rate established by the department pursuant to Section 42972.2.	Sections 2.2 and 5.2
2	PRC 42975(a) In order to achieve compliance with this chapter, a carpet stewardship organization shall, on or before September 1 of each year, demonstrate to the department that it has achieved the amount and rates of recycling and a reduction in disposal of post-consumer carpet subject to its stewardship plan and the other goals included in the organization's plan pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 42972. In determining compliance, the department shall consider all of the following:	Chapter 5
3	PRC 42975(a)(1) The baseline rate of compliance against which the demonstrated improvement is compared, including progress in achieving the goals outlined in subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive, of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 42972.	Table 5-1
4	PRC 42975(a)(2) The quantifiable five-year goals and annual goals included in the carpet stewardship plan pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 42972.	Table 5-1
5	PRC 42975(a)(3) Information provided in the organization's report to the department pursuant to Section 42976.	<i>Refer to rows 6–11 in this table</i>
6	PRC 42976(a) The amount of carpet sold by square yards and weight, in the state during the reporting period. A carpet stewardship organization with more than one manufacturer may use average weight.	Section 5.11.1
7	PRC 42976(b) The amount of post-consumer carpet recycled, by weight, during the reporting period.	Section 5.7
8	PRC 42976(c) The amount of post-consumer carpet recovered but not recycled, by weight, and its ultimate disposition.	Section 5.9.3

Row	Statutory Requirements	Sections & Pages
9	PRC 42976(d) The total cost of implementing the carpet stewardship plan.	Section 8.3
10	PRC 42976(e) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the carpet stewardship plan, and anticipated steps, if needed, to improve performance.	Chapter 5
11	PRC 42976(f) Examples of educational materials that were provided to consumers during the reporting period.	Appendix 11.7

Table 11-8. Regulatory Requirements from California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
12	CCR 18942(c) The annual report shall be submitted by a corporate officer acting on behalf of a manufacturer or stewardship organization that is operating a carpet stewardship program under a department-approved stewardship plan.	<i>Done</i> (refer to Chapter 1)
13	CCR 18942(c)(1) The annual report must be submitted electronically to the department, according to instructions provided by the department. A hard copy, signed by a corporate officer of a manufacturer or stewardship organization under the penalty of perjury, must also be submitted.	<i>Done</i>
14	CCR 18942(c)(2) The information submitted in an annual report shall address the criteria for a finding of compliance per 42976 as outlined in § 18944 Annual Report Compliance Criteria and be organized according to this standard outline: (A) Contact Information (B) Executive Summary (C) Scope (D) Program Outline (E) Description of Goals and Activities (F) Market Development (G) Financing Mechanism (H) Education and Outreach (I) Audits	Entire document, summarized in Table of Contents
15	CCR 18944(a) The annual report must contain the following:	<i>Refer to subsequent rows in this table</i>
16	CCR 18944(a)(1) Contact information. Identify the manufacturer or stewardship organization responsible for the annual report submittal.	Chapter 1

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
17	CCR 18944(a)(2) Executive Summary. Provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the carpet stewardship plan, and anticipated steps, if needed, to improve performance.	Chapter 2
18	CCR 18944(a)(3) Scope. The program described in the stewardship plan accepts and manages all applicable post-consumer carpet.	Chapter 3
19	CCR 18944(a)(3)(A) Indicate any changes in the program scope from the approved stewardship plan.	Chapter 3
20	CCR 18944(a)(3)(B) Indicate the scope is unchanged, if no changes have occurred during the reporting period.	Chapter 3
21	CCR 18944(a)(4) Program Outline. Describe the carpet stewardship program, including information on the following topics:	Chapter 4
22	CCR 18944(a)(4)(A) Types of collections sites and basic information about recycling facilities in California, e.g., how carpet is collected, number and location of processors, throughput and capacity of recycling facilities.	Chapter 4, Section 5.9, Appendix 11.4
23	CCR 18944(a)(4)(B) Include facility name(s) and address(es) for each method of disposition.	Sections 4.6–4.8, Section 5.9, Appendix 11.4
24	CCR 18944(a)(5) Description of goals and activities based on the stewardship plan. State goals from the approved plan, the baseline from which goals were measured, and report on achievement during the reporting period.	Chapter 5, including Table 5-1
25	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A) The annual report shall include, but is not limited to, quantitative information data and discussion, specific to sales in California, on the following:	<i>Refer to rows 26–36 in this table</i>

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
26	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)1. Amount of carpet sold by square yards and pounds, in the state during the reporting period that is covered under the approved stewardship plan. A stewardship organization with more than one manufacturer may use average weight.	Section 5.11.1
27	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)2. Amount (pounds) of post-consumer carpet that is available for collection.	Section 5.11.2
28	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)3. Amount (pounds) of carpet source reduced, if measurable.	Section 5.9.1
29	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)4. Amount (pounds) of post-consumer carpet collected, by weight, during the reporting period.	Section 5.6
30	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)5. Disposition, that is, amounts reused, recycled, incinerated for energy recovery or disposed of in a landfill; of collected post-consumer carpet, by pounds, during the reporting period.	Section 5.9.3
31	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)6. Describe efforts to increase recyclability of carpets.	Section 5.8
32	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)7. Describe efforts to increase recycling of post-consumer carpet.	Sections 5.5 and 5.7
33	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)8. Describe efforts to increase diversion of post-consumer carpet from landfills.	Section 5.9
34	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)9. Describe other environmental impacts as data are available, e.g., green house gas emissions. Descriptions of any enforcement actions or problems related to plan implementation.	Section 5.10.2
35	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)10. Describe efforts to increase the market growth of secondary products made from post-consumer carpet.	Section 5.10.1 and Chapter 7

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
36	CCR 18944(a)(5)(A)11. Describe number of jobs attributable to the carpet stewardship program as data are available.	Section 5.10.3
37	CCR 18944(a)(5)(B) Information on goals shall be accompanied by supporting information covering, but not be limited to the following topics:	<i>Refer to rows 38–40 in this table</i>
38	CCR 18944(a)(5)(B)1. Report describes the measurement methodology, assumptions, conversion factors, and data sources.	Section 5.11
39	CCR 18944(a)(5)(B)2. Report demonstrates that over time source reduction, reuse, and recycling increased, while environmentally safe transformation and land disposal decreased.	Chapter 5
40	CCR 18944(a)(5)(B)3. Report covers progress toward achievement of all goals in the approved stewardship plan.	Chapter 5
41	CCR 18944(a)(6) Market Development. The annual report shall include a description of possible market development activities to incentivize the market growth of secondary products made from post-consumer carpet.	Chapter 7
42	CCR 18944(a)(7) Financing Mechanism. The annual report shall include a description and evaluation of the program's financing mechanism, including whether or not the funding was sufficient to recover, but not exceed, the full cost of the stewardship program. The annual report shall include, but not be limited to, the following total program cost information, and include any supporting documentation. Any proposed change in the amount of the carpet stewardship assessment fee must be submitted to the department for re-approval (See §18943 Criteria for Plan Approval):	Chapter 8

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
43	CCR 18944(a)(7)(A) Total Program Cost	Section 8.3
44	CCR 18944(a)(7)(B) Cost(\$)/capita	Section 8.3.1
45	CCR 18944(a)(7)(C) Cost (\$)/pound collected	Section 8.3.2
46	CCR 18944(a)(7)(D) Education/Communications (% of total program cost)	Section 8.6
47	CCR 18944(a)(7)(E) End-of-life materials management (% of total program cost)	Section 8.5
48	CCR 18944(a)(7)(F) Program administration (% of total program cost, including annual administrative fee for service payments to the department)	Section 8.7.1
49	CCR 18944(a)(7)(G) Governance (program oversight) (% of total program cost)	Section 8.7.2
50	CCR 18944(a)(7)(H) Total cost to local government (if applicable)	Section 8.7.3
51	CCR 18944(a)(7)(I) Amount of the assessment, aggregate assessment funds collected, how spent and amounts of each major expenditure	Sections 8.2 and 8.3
52	CCR 18944(a)(7)(I)a. Funds, if spent on CAAF, must be supported with documentation reporting on economic and environmental impacts and that incentives shall expire, if they no longer serve a benefit.	Section 8.5.1
53	CCR 18944(a)(7)(I)b. A carpet stewardship organization shall not expend funds from the assessment for engineered municipal solid waste conversion, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 40131.2, the use of cement kilns to burn carpet, or transformation, as defined in Public Resources Code Section 40201.	Section 8.5.2
54	CCR 18944(a)(7)(J) Surplus funding, if any, and how it will be applied to reduce program costs	Section 8.2.3

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
55	CCR 18944(a)(7)(K) An evaluation of the assessment rate	Section 8.2.2
56	CCR 18944(a)(8) Outreach/Education. List educational outreach activities in the stewardship plan. Provide a description of educational materials that were provided to retailers, consumers, carpet removers/installers, contractors, during the reporting period (provide electronic samples). Identify the method used to determine the effectiveness of educational and outreach surveys (e.g., surveys, hits on specific web pages, number of participants at events, etc.). Education and outreach materials may include, but are not limited to, signage, written materials, advertising or other promotional materials pursuant to Section 42972 (a) (5) and Links to website(s) created and maintained by the manufacturer or stewardship organization.	Chapter 9
57	CCR 18944(a)(9) Audits. The annual report shall include an independent financial audit funded from the carpet stewardship assessment. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and standards set forth in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The audit report shall also include a separate state compliance report on the carpet program requirements as directed by the department.	Chapter 10 and Appendix 11.10
58	CCR 18944(a)(9)(A) The department may investigate further. If the department decides to further review the findings of the independent auditor, the review will be conducted based on same information the individual manufacturer or stewardship organization provided to the independent auditor.	<i>Not applicable (CalRecycle authority)</i>
59	CCR 18944(a)(9)(B) Financial audits must be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant.	Chapter 10 and Appendix 11.10

Row	Regulatory Requirements	Sections & Pages
60	CCR 18944(a)(9)(C) The department may request supplemental information from the individual manufacturer or stewardship organization during the course of review of a manufacturer- or stewardship organization-submitted financial audit, if necessary.	<i>Not applicable (CalRecycle authority)</i>
61	CCR 18944(a)(9)(D) The department will inform the individual manufacturer or the stewardship organization within 60 days of the results of its review.	<i>Not applicable (CalRecycle authority)</i>
62	CCR 18944(a)(9)(E) If after conducting further review of the audit, the Department deems it to be necessary, the Department may conduct its own audit.	<i>Not applicable (CalRecycle authority)</i>

11.9 CARE Response to Advisory Committee Feedback on Annual Report



July 2026

To: California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee
From: CARE California, LLC
Subject: CARE Response to Advisory Committee Recommendations Related to CARE's Draft 2025 Annual Report

CARE has carefully reviewed the comments and recommendations of the California Carpet Stewardship Advisory Committee (AC). As required by California's Carpet Stewardship Law, CARE is providing a response to the recommendations generated by the AC on CARE's draft 2025 Annual Report. (CARE will send a separate letter responding to the AC's Motions on the Carpet Differential Assessment Amendment.)

The recommendation of the Advisory Committee's letter dated June 23, 2026, is reproduced on the following pages, with minor formatting updates for document accessibility. The CARE responses immediately follow the recommendation in **blue, bold font** and are labeled as "**CARE Response**."

Based on the feedback and recommendations contained within the AC letter and meeting discussions, CARE made revisions to the Annual Report as noted in the responses below. CARE believes we have appropriately and affirmatively addressed all recommendations of the AC.



June 23, 2026

To: CARE and CalRecycle

From: Carpet AC

Re: Comments and Recommendations from the June 23 Carpet AC Meeting

Dear CARE and CalRecycle,

The California Carpet Advisory Committee appreciates the opportunity to provide comments, recommendations, and feedback on the California Carpet Stewardship Programs documents submitted to the committee by CARE in June 2026. The following motions were discussed and voted on during the AC meeting on 6/23/26 according to the Bagley-Keene rules. This letter was written during the meeting and approved by the roll call vote included at the bottom.

2025 Annual Report Document Motions:

Motion 1: The AC puts forth a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report with minor editing comments as stated during the AC meeting.

Motion by Howard; Seconded by Wes

10 Ayes/0 Noes/0 Abstentions

Roll call voting record available on the [AC's Google Drive](#)

The motion passes.

CARE Response: Thank you to the Advisory Committee for its review and feedback on the 2025 Annual Report draft, discussed during the June 23, 2026, meeting. While some comments were general and did not lead to specific revisions, others focused on Program activities and suggested changes (e.g., subsidies, assessments, and staffing). These suggestions will be considered in the upcoming Five-Year Plan update for 2028–2032, rather than the 2025 Annual Report. In response to the feedback, CARE made the following revisions to the draft Annual Report:

- Table 2-1 was simplified to focus on major metrics and goals and reduce redundancy with Table 2-3 that follows on the next page. *Total PCC Waste Disposal to Landfill* (Discards minus Gross Collection, plus Process Waste

to Landfill) was replaced in this table with *Disposal of PCC* (Discards minus Recycled Output) for consistency with Table 5-1 and alignment with Goal #8 to reduce Disposal of PCC. Table Notes and Appendix 11.5, *Definitions*, were updated for consistency. In Table 5-1, clarified that the *Disposal* goal is 107,000 thousand pounds or less. In Table 2-1 and Table 5-5, *Process Waste to Landfill* and *WTE* data were updated to reflect corrected reporting.

- Updated tables to show reporting year (2025), prior year (2024), and baseline (2021) for consistent comparisons.
- Modified language to clarify that a sharp decline in recycling markets contributed to reductions in Recycled Output in the second half of 2025.
- In Section 4.2.2, added examples of challenges and successes to text box. Also added text in response to a comment about greater transparency of site-level data. As in prior years, CARE remains committed to protecting our stakeholders' confidential business information. We include total public pounds collected and associated costs to show the Program's impact. CARE does not disclose pounds or costs at the site or recycler level to maintain confidentiality of our partners' proprietary information.
- In Section 4.7, added explanation that higher volumes of commercial-grade loop carpet can require more processing time, which reduces throughput.
- In Section 5.8.1, listed the carpet fiber types including PTT.
- In Section 8.2.1, added explanation of sales by assessment category.
- In Section 8.6 and Chapter 9, noted that E&O spending exceeded the budget.
- In Section 9.2.1, the discussion of installers' awareness of carpet recycling was revised to clarify that these were informal one-on-one discussions in the course of tabling events, not a formal survey or representative sample.
- In Section 9.7.2, some additional detail was added regarding green building standards. More activities are scheduled for 2026 and beyond, including a Commission meeting, which is the final layer of approval that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will need to receive. This meeting is similar to the California Administrative Code (CAC) meeting held February 11, 2026, and passed without changes. In addition, there was a 45-day public question period where no questions were received. Once approved, the amendments are slated to be incorporated into the published code by July 1, 2027.

[Motions 2 and 3 addressed the CDA Amendment #3 Document and are omitted.]

Appendix 11.9 – CARE Response to Advisory Committee Feedback on Annual Report

The letter was voted on and approved unanimously, as detailed in the voting records:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PeYTMnRjFrSVcPi_w6EbzN9rzQFh9uxRAML3N8_fxeU/edit?gid=381635909#gid=381635909

Sincerely,

[signed]

Wes Nelson, Chair

11.10 Audited Financial Statements

This appendix includes the following financial statements of the California Carpet Stewardship Program for the year ending December 31, 2025.

The statements were audited by independent Certified Public Accounting firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, of Atlanta, Georgia, and are presented without modification, except formatting for accessibility.

Note: This document has been reformatted to make it compliant with CalRecycle requirements for accessibility. Pagination and formatting in this ADA-compliant version of the audit report may differ from the original non-compliant version of the audit report. For inclusion in this appendix, a footer reading “2025 Annual Report” (on the left side) and page numbers continuing the report numbering sequence (on the right side) have been added, while maintaining the existing footers and centered page numbers in the original audit report documents.

California Carpet Stewardship Program
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2025 and 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
California Carpet Stewardship Program

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of California Carpet Stewardship Program (the Program) which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of California Carpet Stewardship Program as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Program and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Program's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Programs' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Programs' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 14, 2026, on our consideration of the Program's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Program's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, L.L.C.

Atlanta, Georgia
August 14, 2026

California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Financial Position

Assets

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Cash and cash equivalents	22,605,983	9,127,278
Accounts receivable	5,128,973	3,271,286
Prepaid expenses and other assets	68,286	70,489
Total current assets	27,803,242	12,469,053
Property and equipment, net	6,680	6,849
Total non-current assets	6,680	6,849
Total assets	27,809,922	12,475,902

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Due to recyclers	3,460,073	4,358,511
Due to CalRecycle	177,414	264,094
Due to related party	218,489	206,405
Grants payable	306,724	47,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	778,409	571,168
Total current liabilities	4,941,109	5,447,178
Total liabilities	4,941,109	5,447,178

Net Assets

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Net assets without donor restrictions	22,868,813	7,028,724

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Total liabilities and net assets	27,809,922	12,475,902

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Activities

For the years ended December 31,

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Revenue and Other Support		
Carpet recovery assessments	53,082,902	40,029,340
Interest income	16,695	7,323
Total revenue and other support	53,099,597	40,036,663
Expenses		
Program services		
Program	35,872,808	34,211,788
Total program serves	35,872,808	34,211,788
Supporting services		
General and administrative	1,386,700	1,178,620
Total supporting services	1,386,700	1,178,620
Total expenses	37,259,508	35,390,408
Change in Net Assets		
Change in net assets	15,840,089	4,646,255
Net assets at beginning of year	7,028,724	2,382,469
Net assets at end of year	22,868,813	7,028,724

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Functional Expenses**

For the year ended December 31, 2025

Description	Program Services (\$)	General & Administrative (\$)	Total Expenses (\$)
Salaries and benefits	1,183,214	194,465	1,377,679
Payroll taxes	51,407	11,132	62,539
Subsidies	27,548,663	0	27,548,663
Collection program	3,045,623	338,403	3,384,026
Communications	1,096,147	121,794	1,217,941
Grants for capacity expansion	1,283,020	0	1,283,020
Professional services	458,806	24,148	482,954
Legal	131,754	14,623	146,377
Technical assistance	6,030	0	6,030
Program studies	77,036	0	77,036
Reporting database	76,383	0	76,383
Product testing	4,950	0	4,950
Accounting	0	658,338	658,338
CalRecycle expenses	689,183	0	689,183
Facilities	10,722	10,722	21,444
Leases	2,000	0	2,000
Travel	66,169	4,980	71,149
Annual report to CalRecycle	52,351	0	52,351
Modeling consultant	53,920	0	53,920
ID technology project	2,880	0	2,880
Advisory committee	4,179	0	4,179
Bank service charges	1,972	493	2,465

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Functional Expenses (Continued)**

For the year ended December 31, 2025 (Continued)

Description	Program Services (\$)	General & Administrative (\$)	Total Expenses (\$)
Dues and subscriptions	14,255	4,752	19,007
Shipping & mailing	609	0	609
Supplies and other	748	249	997
Telephone	4,503	1,501	6,004
Insurance	1,098	1,100	2,198
Depreciation	5,186	0	5,186
Total	35,872,808	1,386,700	37,259,508

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Functional Expenses (Continued)**

For the year ended December 31, 2024

Description	Program Services (\$)	General & Administrative (\$)	Total Expenses (\$)
Salaries and benefits	1,088,830	177,809	1,266,639
Payroll taxes	51,407	11,132	62,539
Subsidies	27,566,511	0	27,566,511
Collection program	2,280,674	253,408	2,534,082
Communications	1,210,009	134,445	1,344,454
Grants for capacity expansion	369,050	0	369,050
Professional services	371,136	19,533	390,669
Legal	37,433	4,155	41,588
Technical assistance	7,207	0	7,207
Program studies	218,984	0	218,984
Reporting database	82,748	0	82,748
Product testing	3,819	0	3,819
Accounting	0	549,116	549,116
CalRecycle expenses	556,454	0	556,454
Facilities	13,555	13,555	27,110
Leases	2,394	6	2,400
Travel	61,949	6,883	68,832
Annual report to CalRecycle	52,222	0	52,222
Modeling consultant	175,270	0	175,270
ID technology project	25,730	0	25,370
Advisory committee	6,307	0	6,307
Bank service charges	1,938	484	2,422

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Functional Expenses (Continued)**

For the year ended December 31, 2024 (Continued)

Description	Program Services (\$)	General & Administrative (\$)	Total Expenses (\$)
Dues and subscriptions	15,702	5,234	20,936
Shipping & mailing	739	0	739
Supplies and other	492	162	654
Telephone	4,582	1,527	6,109
Insurance	1,169	1,171	2,340
Depreciation	5,477	0	5,477
Total	34,211,788	1,178,620	35,390,408

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

California Carpet Stewardship Program
Statements of Cash Flows

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Changes in net assets	15,840,089	4,646,255

Adjustment to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Depreciation	5,186	5,477

Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Accounts receivable	-1,857,687	-874,596
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,203	-6,837
Due to recyclers	-898,438	704,991
Due to CalRecycle	-86,680	95,530
Due to related party	12,084	-67,013
Grants payable	259,724	-81,642
Accounts payable and accrued expense	207,241	-166,587
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	13,483,722	4,255,578

Changes in Investing Assets and Liabilities

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Purchase of property and equipment	-5,017	0

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Description	2025(\$)	2024 (\$)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	13,478,705	4,255,578
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of year	9,127,278	4,871,700
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of year	22,605,983	9,127,278

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

The California Carpet Stewardship Program (the Program) has previously been referred to as the AB2398 California Carpet Stewardship Plan. Due to the passage of new legislation, the program is now called the California Carpet Stewardship Program. The Program is managed by the Carpet America Recovery Effort, Inc. (CARE).

The California Carpet Stewardship Plan (the Plan) is authorized by California Assembly Bill (AB2398) to implement measures to achieve measurable improvements in the landfill diversion and recycling of post-consumer carpet. AB2398 was signed into law by the governor of California on September 30, 2010.

In October 2017, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law AB1158 placing additional requirements on any Carpet Stewardship Organization (CSO). Key Changes to the law include:

- Achieve 24% recycling rate by January 1, 2020, and meet or exceed annually thereafter;
- Incentivize (grants or subsidies) materials that have the “highest recyclability;
- Supply all data necessary for CalRecycle to evaluate effectiveness of program;
- The Program cannot use funds to pay penalties or litigation against the state;
- The Program cannot pay subsidies for kiln, waste to energy (WtE), carpet as alternative fuel (CAAF) or incineration;
- All state projects must be managed in a way consistent with carpet stewardship laws;
- Department of General Services must publish minimum post-consumer carpet (PCC) content specs for purchases of carpet by July 1, 2018;
- Must increase diversion and increase collection;
- Must increase collection convenience;
- Must expand and incentivize markets for products made from PCC;
- Must increase processor capacity, including in California;
- Must increase recyclability of carpet;
- Must describe measures that enable source reduction, source separation & processing to segregate & recover recyclable materials, environmentally safe management of materials that cannot feasibly be recycled; and
- Must provide incentives or grants to state-approved apprenticeships programs for training apprentices and journey-level installers in proper practices for recycling PCC.

In October 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law AB729 placing additional requirements on any CSO. Key changes to the law include the inclusion of a contingency plan, the establishment of a trust fund or escrow account for unexpended funds and required approval of increases or decreases in the assessment rate.

In September 27, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law AB863 placing additional requirements on any CSO. Key changes to the law include numerous requirements commencing January 2025. Many of the provisions have dates in the future and beyond the expiration of the existing Plan (December 31, 2027). Key elements include:

- All carpet sold in California must carry a back stamp beginning January 1, 2027.
- All carpet sold in California must contain 5% post-consumer carpet content by January 1, 2028.
- Appointment of 4 non-voting members to the Board.
- Certain manufacturing reporting requirements.
- The Program must fund the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) at 8% of revenue beginning with California FY 2025.

Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

In order to comply with AB863, the CARE Board approved the creation of a new entity, CARE California, LLC (CCB). The CARE California, LLC was registered in Georgia in December 2025. CARE is the sole member of the LLC, and the new LLC operates under the CARE umbrella as a non-profit. The new CCB met on February 26, 2026, for the first time and now oversees the CARE California Stewardship program.

Collectively, AB2398, AB1158, AB729 and AB863 are referred to as the carpet stewardship laws. Approved regulations are found in Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 11.

On September 22, 2022, CARE submitted its California Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023 to 2027 (2023 to 2027 Plan) to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). After multiple revisions, the California Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023 to 2027 (Revised Plan) was approved by CalRecycle on April 21, 2023. The Plan is a set of guidelines that CARE uses to administer the Program.

CARE was the sole carpet stewardship organization until April 1, 2015. At that time, other organizations could apply for status as a "Carpet Stewardship Organizations". As of August 24, 2026, no other Carpet Stewardship Organizations have submitted a Plan or been approved.

The carpet stewardship laws require carpet manufacturers or retailers to collect an assessment based on the square yardage of carpeting sold in California. CARE mill members participating under the Plan collect the funds from California retailers. Mills (manufacturers) submit funds directly to CARE monthly based on reported yards sold in the prior month. CARE disburses the proceeds in accordance with the Plan.

Disbursements are to promote carpet recycling in California and cover the costs of administering the Plan. The primary use of funds is to carpet recyclers who are paid by the pound of qualifying products that are processed and subsequently sold.

Manufacturers or retailers participate voluntarily in the Plan; however, the carpet stewardship laws require that they participate in CARE's Plan, or develop and implement their own Carpet Stewardship Plan.

CARE does not have authority to levy administrative penalties for failure to comply with contractual requirements. That authority belongs solely to the state of California.

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) provides authoritative guidance regarding U.S. GAAP through the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) and related Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs).

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of U.S. GAAP financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are related to useful lives of depreciable assets, allowance for credit losses, and the allocation of functional expenses.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represents amounts owed to the Program which are expected to be collected within twelve months and are presented in the statements of financial position net of the allowance for credit losses.

Allowance for Credit Losses

Management evaluates its receivables on an ongoing basis by analyzing customer relationships and previous payment histories. The allowance for credit losses is management's best estimate of the amount of expected credit losses in the existing accounts based on current market conditions. Historically, losses on uncollectible accounts have been within management's expectations. The allowance for credit losses is reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure there is sufficient reserve to cover any potential credit losses. When receivables are considered uncollectible, they are charged against the allowance for credit losses. Collections on accounts previously written off are included in the change in net assets as received. There is no allowance for credit losses at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Property and Equipment

All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$2,500 and all expenditures for maintenance, renewals, and betterments that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Assets

The Program reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed by its donors: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The only limits on the use of net assets without donor restrictions are the broad limits resulting from the nature of the Program, the environment in which it operates, the purposes specified in its corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations.

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Other restrictions may be perpetual in nature; such as those that are restricted by a donor that the resources be maintained in perpetuity.

When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the donor or by the passage of time, the expiration of the restriction is reported in the financial statements by reclassifying the net assets from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from carpet recovery assessments under various contracts is recognized as revenue when performance obligations under the terms of the contracts with customers are satisfied. Revenue received in advance is deferred and recognized over the periods to which the dates and fees relate. These amounts are included in performance obligation liabilities within the statements of financial position.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Expenses related to salaries, benefits and payroll taxes are allocated based on actual percentages of time spent in each functional area. Expenses related to maintenance and upkeep of the entire facility are allocated across functional areas based on a fixed percentage.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, August 14, 2026, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements. Functional Allocation of Expenses

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Note 3: LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL ASSET AVAILABILITY

The Program maintains its financial assets primarily in cash and cash equivalents to provide liquidity to ensure funds are available as the Program's expenditures come due. The following reflects the Program's financial assets as of the statement of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the statement of financial position date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions.

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Total assets at year end	27,809,922	12,475,902
Less non-financial assets: prepaid expenses and other assets	-68,286	-70,489
Less non-financial assets: property and equipment, net	-6,680	-6,849
Financial assets at year-end	27,734,956	12,398,564
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	27,734,956	12,398,564

The Program is principally supported by assessments collected on carpet sold in California.

Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Carpet recovery assessments	5,128,973	3,271,286
Accounts receivable, net	5,128,973	3,271,286

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Program increased the assessment rates effective February 1, 2025, resulting in an increase in accounts receivable at year end. This was done to meet the new 6-month reserve requirement established by CalRecycle by the end of 2025. All balances are considered collectible as of December 31, 2025.

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Note 5: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The components of property and equipment consists of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Description	Estimated Useful Lived (in years)	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Computer equipment	3	21,446	16,429
Less accumulated depreciation		-14,766	-9,580
Property and equipment, net		6,680	6,849

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 amounted to \$5,186 and \$5,477, respectively.

Note 6: REVENUE

The Program recognizes revenue at a point in time for its assessments. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, there were no performance obligations to be satisfied.

Contract assets related to revenue from contracts with customers consist of the following:

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Accounts receivable, beginning of year	3,271,286	2,396,690
Accounts receivable, end of year	5,128,973	3,271,286

Note 7: NET ASSETS

A summary of net assets without donor restrictions consists of the following:

Description	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Undesignated fund balance	4,784,974	672,507
Program reserve funds	18,083,839	6,356,217
Total net assets without donor restrictions	22,868,813	7,028,724

Note 8: CONCENTRATIONS

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Program's cash balances consist of deposits with one financial institution. The amounts in the Program's bank accounts are in an insured cash sweep account, and therefore, there are no amounts that exceed FDIC's insured limits at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, a small number of carpet manufacturers accounted for approximately 79% and 80%, respectively, of the carpet recovery assessments. These manufacturers also accounted for 66% and 63% of assessments receivable at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Note 9: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Stewardship Planning Committee (SPC) allocated \$899,701 and \$400,000, respectively, to support grants. The actual amount of reimbursements is expected to differ from the authorized amounts depending on the number of applicants, projects selected, changes in project scope, and grantees' ability to meet contract obligations. As of December 31, 2025, \$60,473 remains committed for the grants authorized and approved during the year ended December 31, 2024, and \$707,766 remains committed for the grants authorized and approved during the year ended December 31, 2025.

In January 2024, CalRecycle found CARE noncompliant with its California Carpet Stewardship Plan 2018-2022 for failure to achieve one of the recycling goals in 2022. In July 2024, CalRecycle brought an administrative enforcement action against CARE for reporting years 2021 and 2022. The total penalty sought was \$1,226,400.

In order to resolve any and all claims related to the penalties, interest and litigation expenses arising from the administrative penalties related to fiscal years 2019-2022, a settlement agreement was reached on December 2, 2024. The total settlement amount paid in the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$1,700,000 and is included in the CARE financial statements. Therefore, no amounts were paid by the Program for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 10: RELATED PARTIES

The Program is administered by the Carpet America Recovery Effort, Inc. (known by the trade name CARE). CARE was established in 2002 to represent the carpet industry's effort to support market-based carpet recycling solutions. CARE is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that was formed to oversee and enable market-based solutions for the recovery and recycling of post-consumer carpet.

To participate in the Program, manufacturers and retailers must maintain a membership in good standing with CARE. Recyclers who wish to receive disbursements must also maintain a membership in good standing to receive funds.

The primary organizer of CARE was the Carpet and Rug Institute, Inc. (known by the trade name CRI). CRI is a 501(c)(6) organization under the Internal Revenue Code and one of the primary trade groups of the carpet industry. CRI initiated CARE's organization to represent and to promote the industry's carpet recycling efforts and manage the industry's recycling programs.

Note 10: RELATED PARTIES (Continued)

CRI acts as an advocate of the carpet industry and actively works to represent its interest in legislative, regulatory, and judicial issues at the federal, state, and local levels. CRI played an active role in the development of the current legislation in California, and actively lobbies for the carpet industry in other states considering similar product stewardship or extended producer responsibility (commonly referred to as EPR) legislation.

CARE and CRI share one common director and facilities, and they provide administrative and technical support to each other and the Program.

Under the carpet stewardship laws, CARE is allowed to be reimbursed for costs it incurs administering its Carpet Stewardship Plan. Costs incurred directly by the Program are paid from Program funds. Shared labor and other costs of the Program and CARE are systematically allocated and periodically settled. These shared labor costs totaled \$1,188,943 and \$1,094,927 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The Program has accounts payable of \$218,489 and \$206,405 due to CARE as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, for expenses paid by CARE but incurred by the Program.

Some of the members of the Board of Directors work for various organizations that receive subsidies from the Program. Management does not believe the risk of undue influence associated with these relationships is significant.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors of
The California Carpet Stewardship Program:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of The California Carpet Stewardship Program, (the Program), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2025, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 14, 2026.

Reporting on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Program's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Program's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying schedule of finding and responses as finding number 2025-001.

Carpet America Recover Effort's Response to Findings

Carpet America Recover Effort's (CARE) response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. CARE's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, L.L.C.

Atlanta, Georgia
August 14, 2026

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE FINDINGS

2025-001

Criteria: California laws and regulations require the Program to reach the following goals as of December 31, 2025, as outlined in the plan.

1. Gross collections of 91 million pounds
2. Collection rate of 50%
3. Reducing the disposal of post-consumer carpet to 107,000 thousand pounds
4. Increasing producer capacity to 140 million pounds

Condition: As a result of our audit procedures, it was determined that the methods used to measure the amount of California carpet that is diverted from landfills are accurate. However, we noted the Program did not reach the goals noted above.

Effect: By not reaching these goals by the target date, CalRecycle may find CARE non-compliant and assess penalties or other performance requirements against CARE.

Recommendation: We recommend procedures be implemented to ensure the program meets future recycling goals as outlined in the plan.

Cause and Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: See Appendix for detailed response.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON STATE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

To the Board of Directors of
The California Carpet Stewardship Program
100 S. Hamilton Street
Dalton, GA 30720

Compliance

We have audited Carpet America Recovery Effort Inc.'s (CARE) compliance with the requirements specified in the State of California's Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 11, Article 1 applicable to CARE's statutory requirements identified below for the year ended December 31, 2025.

We have also audited the basic financial statements of The California Carpet Stewardship Program (the Program) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and have issued our report thereon dated August 14, 2026.

Both audits were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

CARE's management is responsible for the Program compliance with laws and regulations. In connection with our audits referred to above, we selected and tested transactions and records to determine compliance with state laws and regulations applicable to CARE's program.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on CARE's compliance based on our audit. We conducted our compliance audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State of California's Code of Regulation, Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 11, Article 1 applicable to CARE's statutory requirements. Those standards and the State of California's Code of Regulations require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a material effect on the statutory requirements listed below occurred. An audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence about CARE's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of CARE's compliance with those requirements.

Performance Goals and Activities

Description	Audit Procedures Performed	Compiled
List each compliance requirement	(Yes/No)	(Yes/No)
Measurement methods accurately identify:		
a. Amount of California carpet that is diverted from landfills	Yes	No See Note 1
b. Amount of California carpet that is processed in new commodity	Yes	Yes
c. That California carpet is managed in a manner consistent with the state's waste management hierarchy.	Yes	Yes
d. Amount of California carpet discarded each year (estimated using a formula based on sales). Assumption used in the formula are appropriate for California.	Yes	Yes

Financing Mechanisms

Description	Audit Procedures Performed	Compiled
List each compliance requirement	(Yes/No)	(Yes/No)
a. Assessments are paid to CARE on all carpet sold in the state of California at the rate indicated in the Plan (i.e., 5 or 10 cents per sq. yd).	Yes	Yes
b. The assessments collected for the Program are only spent on the program.	Yes	Yes
c. The payments are accurately presented by categories found in the Regulations, Section 18944 (7). Annual Report Compliance Criteria, Financing Mechanism.	Yes	Yes
d. The annual report accurately presents information.	Yes	Yes

Program Performance Measurement

Description	Audit Procedures Performed	Compiled
List each compliance requirement	(Yes/No)	(Yes/No)
a. Applicants applying for incentive payments submit documentation as required in the Plan (and Agreed Upon Procedures) that are in place at the time documents are submitted.	Yes	Yes
b. CARE is tracking information needed to include in Annual Report per regulations Section 18944.	Yes	Yes
c. CARE's practices support a level playing field among those requesting Program funds.	Yes	Yes
d. CARE has a method to determine the effectiveness of educational and outreach activities that is appropriate for use in California.	Yes	Yes

Note 1: See audit finding 2025-001 in the Audit of California Carpet Stewardship Program financial statements. As a result of our audit procedures, it was determined that the methods used to measure whether the amount of California carpet that is diverted from landfills are accurate. However, during our testing, we noted four goals related to this measurement were not met as of December 31, 2025.

1. The Program did not reach the goal of gross collections of 91 million pounds.
2. The Program did not reach the goal of a collection rate of 50%.
3. The Program did not reach the goal of reducing the disposal of post-consumer carpet to 107,000 thousand pounds.
4. The Program did not reach the goal of increasing producer capacity to 140 million pounds.

CARE has taken a number of steps to address this important metric. Management's response to the finding is detailed in the Audit of California Carpet Stewardship Program financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance noted above, CARE complied, in all material respects, with the compliance referred to above that are applicable to the statutory requirements listed above for the year ended December 31, 2025.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Board of Directors of the Carpet America Recovery Effort, Inc. and CalRecycle and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, L.L.C.

Atlanta, Georgia
August 14, 2026

Appendix

California Carpet Stewardship Program

CARE Response to Auditor's Finding 2025-001 Regarding Annual Report

Date: August 13, 2026

1. Purpose

CARE has carefully reviewed independent financial auditors, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC Finding 2025-001, issued by the Program's auditors in connection with CARE's 2025 Annual Report to CalRecycle. The finding confirms that CARE's diversion-measurement methodology is accurate but notes that the Program did not reach four of its 2025 annual performance goals under the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027: Collection Rate, Gross Collection, Disposal, and Processor Capacity.

This document responds to the findings in the “Cause and Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions” section. It sets out the cause of each shortfall, CARE's planned corrective actions, and a monitoring timetable with defined escalation triggers, enabling CARE and CalRecycle to track progress toward the Plan's 2027 targets.

Overall, the Program had a successful 2025, meeting or exceeding 9 of its 13 performance goals. The goals that fell short — Collection Rate, Gross Collection, Disposal, and Processor Capacity — each exceeded 85% of their 2025 targets.

2. Summary of Auditors' Findings

Criteria: State law and the Plan require CARE to reach, by December 31, 2025: Gross Collection of 91 million lbs., a 50% Collection Rate; Disposal of post-consumer carpet reduced to 107,000 lbs. and Processor Capacity of 140 million lbs.

Condition: The auditors confirmed CARE's measurement methodology is accurate; however, the four goals above were not reached in 2025.

Effect: Continued shortfall risks a CalRecycle finding of CARE for non-compliance and possible penalties or additional performance requirements.

Recommendation: Implement procedures to ensure the Program meets future recycling goals as outlined in the Plan.

2.1 Summary of 2025 Results

2025 Goal	Target	Actual	% of Goal	Primary Drivers
Collection Rate	50%	43%	86%	2025 downturn in nylon/polymer recycling markets; declining new-carpet sales (down -7.6% from 2024) reducing tear-out volume; annual goal still measured by the uncorrected 2021 baseline

2025 Goal	Target	Actual	% of Goal	Primary Drivers
Gross Collection	91.0 M lbs.	78.5 M lbs.	86%	Same market downturn as noted for Collection Rate above; fewer replacement/tear-out events; goal based on the uncorrected baseline (88.5 M lbs. in the Plan)
Disposal Reduction	≤107.0 M lbs.	116.6 M lbs.	91%*	Tied directly to lower Recycled Output from depressed end markets; contamination/nonrecyclable constructions (roughly 3% of the stream)
Processor Capacity (West Coast)	140 M lbs.	120 M lbs.	86%	Closure of Aquafil's Phoenix operations; California replacement capacity not yet online (expected mid-2026)

**The Disposal “% of goal” figure reflects that the Disposal quantity (116.6 M lbs.) exceeded the goal ceiling (107.0 M lbs.) by 9.6 M lbs., or 9% of the goal ceiling; accordingly, 91% of the reduction goal (100% minus 9%) is considered to be met. Disposal totaled 116.6 M lbs. in 2025, a 3% decrease from 2024 (119.7 M lbs.) and 33% lower than the 2021 baseline of 175.2 M lbs., even though it did not reach the 2025 ceiling.*

3. Cause and Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

3.1 Cause

CARE has identified two categories of cause underlying the 2025 shortfalls:

3.1.1 External Market Conditions (Primary Driver)

- Collection Rate and Gross Collection are closely related and were adversely affected by a sharp decline in recycling markets in the second half of 2025 — including a major market pullback across many plastic recycling sectors in both the United States and Europe. All polymer markets have declined, with demand for nylons collapsing, and economic uncertainties remain a key concern.
- A continuing decline in the sale of new carpet also reduces the volume of carpet available for collection. Sales in 2025 were 7.6% lower than in 2024, further diminishing tear-out opportunities — as the replacement of old carpet by new carpet is the largest trigger of post-consumer carpet flow.
- On average in 2025, 67% of all collections were managed by the private collection network. CARE does not interfere with the private network. Those recyclers who collect via their own network may throttle flow depending on demand for products, due in part to limited storage space for PCC, goods in process, and final products demand.

- The closure of Aquafil's Phoenix operations adversely impacted Processor Capacity. Based on discussions with Aquafil, CARE expects the replacement capacity in California to be online sometime in mid-2026 and that this reduction will be brief.
- January 2025 Southern California wildfires had small and relatively minor impact on recycling volumes.

3.1.2 Baseline and Goal Calibration

- As described in the July 31, 2025, errata memorandum to CalRecycle, CARE identified a historical reporting issue related to Gross Collection. The correction affected several downstream metrics, including the Collection Rate and Recycling Efficiency Rate (Yield). The annual goals, however, were established based on the higher original 2021 baseline and have not yet been updated to reflect the correction — meaning the current targets are not properly calibrated.

Baseline Correction Ratio

Metric	Original Baseline (Plan 2023–2027)	Corrected Baseline	Ratio (Corrected ÷ Original)
Gross Collection	88,466 thousand lbs.*	82,151 thousand lbs.	0.9286 (92.86%)
Collection Rate	36.4%	33.8% (rounded to 34% in Annual Rept.)	0.9286 (92.86%)

*As originally reported in the Carpet Stewardship Plan 2023–2027. Cited in CARE's 2025 Annual Report to CalRecycle, Table 5-1 (Goal 7, Gross Collection), noted there as “88,466 in Plan.” See also Section 3.3, Calculations for Gross Collection & Recycled Output, and the July 31, 2025, errata memorandum to CalRecycle.

Revised Corrected Targets (Working Estimates)

Applying the correction ratio above to the annual goals CARE is currently held to — which remain pegged to the original, uncorrected baseline — produces the following working estimates:

Goal	Current (Uncorrected) Target	Potential Adjusted Target)	2025 Actual	Met?
Gross Collection (2025)	91,000 thousand lbs.	84,504 thousand lbs.	78,517 thousand lbs.	No

Goal	Current (Uncorrected) Target	Potential Adjusted Target)	2025 Actual	Met?
Collection Rate (2025)	50%	46.4%	43%	No
Collection Rate (2027, Plan endpoint)	60%	55.7%	—	N/A

The actual submission under Action CR-5 (described in Section 3.2.1) will be developed and validated by CARE Compliance and Finance against the fully corrected methodology before being submitted to CalRecycle.

3.2 Planned Corrective Actions

In 2025, CARE's consultant, Blue Strike Environmental, completed a Collections Program Study on barriers and solutions to achieving the Program's 60% statewide Collection Rate goal by 2027. The study found the Program was on track to reach that goal, but collections dipped in 2025, and CARE staff selected five priority initiatives to increase collections in 2025 and beyond. Actions CR-1 through CR-4 below carry those five initiatives forward with specific timing and ownership, and CARE is extending the same discipline to Gross Collection, Disposal Reduction, and Processor Capacity.

3.2.1 Collection Rate (Goal 3)

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
CR-1	Revise model local-government ordinance language and commercial-project bid template language, both intended to divert increasing volumes of PCC to recycling, and share the revised language via CARE's website, local-government outreach, and with building owners and project managers.	Published by end of Q4 2026; distributed through county and local-government outreach through Q3 2026.	Marketing, Education & Outreach team; posted to care4carpet.org and pushed through the existing local-government contact list.
CR-2	Require subsidy recipients (Collector/Sorters) to share information on private collection site locations and volume, to help CARE identify collection gaps, as a condition of continued subsidy eligibility.	CSE agreement language amended by Q 2026; effective for reporting periods starting Q3 2026.	CARE and Data Management Contractor (Aprio) draft the amendment; Finance & Subsidies implement the reporting field in the AUP review.
CR-3	Add Collections staff capacity as the Program grows to support	Position scoped and budgeted	Program Co-Director submits the staffing

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
	expanded outreach to retailers and troubleshoot barriers at small- to medium-sized retailers.	in Q1 2026; hire onboarded by Q3 2026.	request to the CARE Executive and Advisory Committee; Collections supervises.
CR-4	Develop a scope of work to address no-cost PCC drop-off, due to be implemented under AB 863 by 2029, sequenced also to support near-term collection recovery.	Scope of work drafted by Q3 2026; pilot site(s) selected Q4 2026.	Program Co-Director with Collections; reviewed by the CARE Executive and Advisory Committee.
CR-5	Submit the corrected 2021 baseline and proposed revised annual Collection Rate and Gross Collection goals for CalRecycle concurrence, so future-year targets reflect the corrected calculation methodology.	Submitted within 90 days of this plan's approval (target Q1 2026).	Assigned Program Co-Director and Data Management Contractor (Aprio) to prepare the submission, referencing the July 2025 errata memorandum.

3.2.2 Gross Collection (Goal 7)

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
GC-1	Expand the public Drop-off Site network and flooring-professional participation beyond minimum convenience standards to capture more volume ahead of anticipated market recovery.	Net-new sites added on a rolling basis; convenience ratios reassessed each January under the existing annual review cycle.	Collection Convenience team; funded through the existing site-development budget.
GC-2	Increase grant and outreach emphasis on commercial tear-out capture, the largest source of PCC volume, given how sensitive Gross Collection is to new-carpet sales trends.	Incorporated into the 2026 Grant Guidelines (Q1 2026) and the Education & Outreach plan (ongoing).	Chapter 6 Grants team and the Marketing, Education & Outreach team, coordinated by the Program Grant Manager.
GC-3	Monitor monthly carpet sales volume and market price indices as leading indicators of Gross Collection risk, feeding into the	Beginning Q1 2026, ongoing monthly.	Data & Reporting; results are summarized to the Collections Program Co-Directors each month.

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
	Early-Warning Trigger process (Section 4).		

3.2.3 Disposal Reduction (Goal 8)

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
DP-1	Pursue diversion of currently nonrecyclable fractions (wool, jute) identified in the 2025 PCC Characterization Study by re-evaluating logistics and aggregation economics with fiber-agnostic processors.	Feasibility re-evaluated by Q3 2026; implemented if volumes justify collection by Q1 2027.	Market Development Co-Director, using updated volume data from Collector/Sorter reporting.
DP-2	Tie Disposal reduction directly to Recycled Output recovery — every action under Processor Capacity (Section 3.2.4) and market development (Chapter 7) is treated as a Disposal-reduction lever.	Ongoing; reviewed quarterly alongside the Recycled Output trend.	Collections Program Co-Director cross-reference Table 5-3 metrics at each quarterly review.
DP-3	Expand end-market development activity — new products and vendors using PCC content — to increase absorption capacity for Recycled Output and reduce the volume routed to disposal.	2026 Market Development plan finalized Q1 2026; new vendor engagements tracked quarterly.	Market Development team (Chapter 7, goals 11a/11b), reported to the Advisory Committee.

3.2.4 Processor Capacity (Goal 9)

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
PC-1	Confirm and track the timeline for Aquafil's California replacement processing capacity to come online, with monthly status updates.	Monthly check-ins beginning Q1 2026; capacity confirmed operational by Q3 2026, per Aquafil's mid-2026 estimate with buffer.	Co-Directors maintain direct contact with Aquafil; status reported at each quarterly review.
PC-2	Identify and qualify at least one additional backup Tier 1 Processor on the West Coast to reduce the	Market scan complete Q2 2026;	Processor Relations, using the existing Tier 1 registration and

Action ID	Planned Corrective Action	Timing	Responsible Party
	risk of a single point of failure in the reported capacity.	qualification and registration initiated Q4 2026, if warranted.	subsidy-eligibility process.
PC-3	Continue prioritizing subsidy allocation toward California-based operators (81% of 2025 subsidies) to support in-state capacity growth.	Ongoing; reported annually, consistent with Table 4-5.	Finance & Subsidies, per existing subsidy policy.

4. Monitoring, Timetable, and Triggers

CARE will monitor leading indicators monthly and hold formal Contingency Reviews, led by the CARE Executive Director and Program Co-Directors, quarterly to assess progress against this plan and the trajectory needed to reach the Plan's 2027 targets.

4.1 Implementation Timetable

Period	Milestone	Deliverable / Evidence
Q4 2026	Plan activation	Corrected-baseline goal proposal (CR-5) submitted to CalRecycle; CR-1 model documents published; GC-2/DP-3 plans finalized; monthly market monitoring (GC-3) begins.
Q4 2026	Structural changes	CSE agreement amendment for private-site reporting (CR-2) executed; backup processor market scan (PC-2) complete; first quarterly Contingency Review held.
Q3 2026	Capacity & staffing	Collections staff hired (CR-3); AB 863 no-cost drop-off scope of work drafted (CR-4); Aquafil CA replacement capacity targeted operational (PC-1); second quarterly Contingency Review.
Q4 2026	Mid-course assessment	Pilot no-cost drop-off site(s) selected (CR-4); wool/jute diversion feasibility decision (DP-1); backup processor registration decision (PC-2); third quarterly Contingency Review; interim performance reported to CalRecycle.
Q1 2027	Year-2 targets	Full-year 2026 results assessed against triggers (Section 4.2); corrective actions recalibrated as needed; fourth quarterly Contingency Review.
Q2–Q3 2027	Sustained execution	Continued execution of all open action items; wool/jute diversion implemented if approved (DP-1).
Q4 2027	Plan-term goal check	Final assessment against 2027 Plan targets (60% Collection Rate, disposal, and processor-capacity targets); results reported in the 2027 Annual Report.

4.2 Early-Warning Triggers and Required Responses

CARE monitors the following thresholds on a rolling basis. A breach requires the listed response regardless of where the calendar sits relative to the quarterly review cycle above — triggers are not deferred to the next scheduled review.

Indicator (monitored monthly)	Trigger Threshold	Required Response
Gross Collection, trailing 3-month run rate	Tracking more than 5% below the prior-year same-period rate	Collections lead convenes Collections team within 15 days to assess whether to accelerate CR-1 through CR-4.
Collection Rate, quarterly calculation	Below the annualized pace needed to reach the (revised) annual goal	Escalate to the CARE CA Board; consider interim measures, such as temporary subsidy adjustments, within the following quarter.
Recycled Output / Disposal, quarterly	Recycled Output declines quarter-over-quarter for two consecutive quarters.	Trigger a DP-2/DP-3 review; Market Development reports on end-market absorption capacity within 30 days.
Processor Capacity, any quarter	Reported West Coast capacity falls further below the 140M-lb goal, or the Aquafil CA timeline slips past Q3 2026	Accelerate PC-2 backup processor qualification; notify CalRecycle of the revised capacity recovery timeline.
Any goal, annual	Program projected to miss an annual goal by more than 15%	CARE to prepare a supplemental corrective-action memorandum for the CARE CA Board, notify Advisory Committee and CalRecycle within 45 days of the projection.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility Under This Plan
Program Co-Directors	Own this plan; chair quarterly Contingency Reviews; approve trigger-driven escalations; report status to the Advisory Committee and CalRecycle.
Data Management Contractor (Aprio)	Maintains the corrected-baseline submission (CR-5); tracks action-item status against this plan; CARE prepares CalRecycle correspondence.
Collections	Executes CR-1 through CR-4 and GC-1/GC-2; first point of escalation for Collection Rate and Gross Collection triggers.
Collections	Executes PC-1 through PC-3; monitors the Aquafil CA capacity timeline; first point of escalation for Processor Capacity triggers.
Market Development	Executes DP-3 and related Chapter 7 goals; reports on end-market absorption capacity.

Role	Responsibility Under This Plan
Data & Reporting	Maintains monthly indicator monitoring (Section 4); flags trigger warnings to the Executive Director and Program Co-Directors within 10 business days.
CARE California Board	Reviews quarterly progress, updates CalRecycle; advises on escalated items; provides input on subsidy and policy adjustments.

6. Reporting to CalRecycle as required by RFA standards.

- CARE will submit the corrected baseline and the revised annual goal proposal referenced in Action CR-5, as requested under established CalRecycle Request for Approval (RFA) guidelines.
- Progress against this plan will be summarized in each subsequent Annual Report (Chapter 5, Goals & Activities), including the status of each action item and any triggers activated during the reporting year, as requested under established CalRecycle RFA guidelines.
- If a trigger under Section 4.2 activates a supplemental corrective-action memorandum, CARE will transmit it to CalRecycle in accordance with the established PRC and any CalRecycle RFA guidelines.
- CARE will promptly notify CalRecycle of any material change to the Aquafil California replacement-capacity timeline referenced in Action PC-1.