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Carpet Recycling

Did you recently remove carpet from your home or plan on doing so in the future? Make sure that old carpet ends up in the right place- not in the landfill. Carpet is made from multiple fiber types and chemical compositions, meaning it takes decades or longer to break down. Keeping carpet out of the landfill saves valuable space and provides the opportunity for it to be repurposed into new products. That's right, carpet can be recycled! Once separated, all those materials that make up carpet can be turned into something else entirely. Old carpet can be recycled into things like carpet cushioning, composite lumber, insulation, railroad ties, and roofing shingles.

California's Carpet Stewardship Law was signed into law in 2010 to increase the diversion and recycling of carpet and to lessen the burden of disposal for the consumer. The law also established California's Carpet Stewardship Program, managed by CARE (Carpet America Recovery Effort), which provides education, training, and grant funding to continue to implement the program throughout the state. Since the law's inception, there have been over 150 drop-off sites added to the program and over 400 million pounds of carpet diverted from landfills.

In 2023, the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill recycled 52,000 pounds of carpet. Currently, carpet can be brought to the landfill for a reduced tipping fee of \$50.40/ton, or the minimum fee of \$8.06 for up to 320 pounds. To recycle carpet at the Tehama County/Red Bluff Landfill, make sure it is separated from the rest of your load, rolled up with the carpet side in, and does not contain any garbage or tack strips.

For more recycling and responsible waste management information, visit our website tehamacountylandfill.com or call us at (530) 528-1103.