

# South Carolina is Just Right for Carpet Recovery



There are many different kinds of carpet and nearly all are recyclable. Carpet is a petroleum-based product and accounts for more than 3.5% of the waste disposed of in U.S. landfills.

By recycling your carpet and foam carpet padding, you will be reducing the use of millions of barrels of oil to produce new carpeting.

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## The Carpet Recovery Industry: A Growing Economic Sector

As a carpet recycling leader in the Southeast, South Carolina has a diverse network of companies with several hundred million pounds of recycling capacity. These businesses include collectors, processors and end users that utilize recovered carpet to manufacture new products for the automotive, construction, electronics and lawn and garden industries.

### South Carolina Carpet Recovery Coalition



The South Carolina Carpet Recovery Coalition is a cooperative effort between governments, colleges and universities to increase the recovery of post-consumer carpet and carpet padding. The coalition's goal is to maximize the economic and environmental benefits of carpet recycling.

### Fast Facts

- South Carolina employs an estimated 1,280 workers in the carpet recycling and recovery industry.
- Recycled carpet is typically turned back into plastic resin to create new products or manufacture new carpet.
- Recovered carpet can be used as a fuel to create energy.
- 5 billion pounds of carpet are landfilled every year.
- Almost 60 percent of the carpet made in the U.S. is made of nylon. Nylon fibers have the highest economic value in the recycling process making them ideal for recycling into new products.

### Carpet Recovery in South Carolina

Geohay	Spartanburg County
Leigh Fibers	Spartanburg County
Atlanta Foam Recycle	Greenville County
Kiln Direct	Sumter County
Wellman Plastics Recycling	Florence County
ICE Recycling	Florence County
Southeastern Plastics Recovery	Charleston County
Palmetto Synthetics	Williamsburg County
Carolina Waste and Recycling	Charleston County
Hwy 908 Class II Landfill	Marion County
Systech Environmental Corporation	Dorchester County
Geocycle	Orangeburg County

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