

## **SAM – WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING OF NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE**

### **CARPET**

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California is the first state in the nation to establish a statewide Carpet Stewardship Program which helps ensure that discarded carpet becomes a resource for new products. A non-profit carpet stewardship organization designs and implements the statewide carpet stewardship program.

Information on carpet stewardship is at: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Carpet/>. This website has information on the carpet stewardship program, the stewardship organization running the statewide program, and associated laws, regulations, plans and guidance.

To best reuse or recycle old carpet, it needs to be dry and not contaminated with other debris.

Reuse is a preferred method for managing carpet, if feasible, however it tends to be limited to carpet tiles. Some manufactures of the carpet tile take it back so check if this is feasible.

Recycling is a preferred option over landfilling because it saves resources, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and saves landfill space. When purchasing and installing new flooring that requires the removal of old carpet, ask your contractor/vendor to recycle the old carpet.

To locate a carpet collector and/or processor near you to recycle or dispose of old carpet, check the resources on this page:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ConDemo/Carpet/Facilities.htm>