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.
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, the private sector and non-profits 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.