

# Data Request - Carpet Stewardship and Flooring

## Request

CalRecycle review carpet proposal to see if any of the changes can be made without going through the legislative process.

**Note:** Our findings are based on whether or not legislation would be needed for the department to require implementation of the proposals. Additionally, at least some of the proposals could be implemented voluntarily if a stewardship organization chose to do so.

Section below copied from Commission [Carpet Stewardship and Flooring proposal](#)

## Proposal(s):

1. CalRecycle should require that CARE submit a clearly stated annual implementation plan showing anticipated generation and yield, needed collection and processing, and end use destinations for sufficient carpet and resulting by-products (by resin type) to meet or exceed annual goals.

### **CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

2. CalRecycle should require a clearly stated annual financial plan showing anticipated revenue and its use to support the implementation plan elements, with expenditures linked to subsidized activity and cumulative expenditures by resin type.

### **CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

3. CalRecycle should provide public written preapproval for any studies to be conducted with public fee money, and ensure that those studies remain public and transparent to CalRecycle and the public, and results provided in a timely fashion.

### **CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

4. CARE needs to address concerns raised by DTSC's Profile, identifying protocols to reduce worker and continued public exposure impacts from carpet recycling. Exposures include continued circulation of PFAs through fiber and calcium carbonate recycling.

### **CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

5. Ban sale of any flooring product, carpet/pad etc. containing PFAS.

### **CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

6. Require all non-natural flooring and padding to be tested for safety by Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

**CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

7. CARE needs to set and meet resin-specific collection goals for materials and volume to serve in-state recycling manufacturers.

**CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

8. Professional carpet installers, and installers replacing carpet with other flooring, handle up to 90% of carpet discards. CARE needs to increase its efforts to secure carpet from installers, working with retailers, wholesalers and distribution facilities to provide efficient collection options. If CARE does not offer to incentivize collection of carpet and pay the people that must keep it clean, dry, rolled up fiber in, and delivered to a facility for their labor, they cannot claim they cannot meet the goals due to lack of collection.

**CalRecycle: Insufficient clarity to determine if legislation is required**

9. CARE should collect carpet at no cost from the installers' network in order to avoid conflicts with local hauling arrangements or make arrangements with local haulers under existing arrangements to deliver installers' loads to a CSE or processor. Carpet recycling processing residuals must be managed in accordance with local rules, laws and applicable franchise language.

**CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

10. CARE should collect carpet at no cost from MRFs, landfills, and transfer stations, including hard-to-handle reimbursements as is done in the very similar mattress stewardship program.

**CalRecycle: Requires legislation**

11. Ban the disposal of separated, unsoiled carpet in California without first being sent through qualified sorters for inclusion in CARE's program.

**CalRecycle: Requires legislation**