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The Carpet Buy Back Program

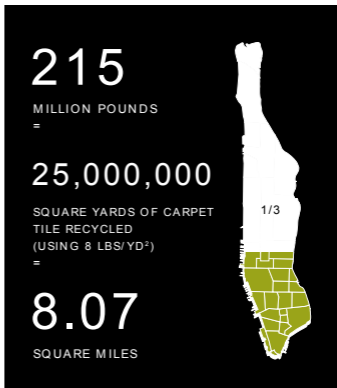
Mining Buildings for Resources Instead of the Earth®



## FLOORE

As one of the world's leading manufacturers of commercial floorcoverings, we believe we have a responsibility to provide a better solution than disposing of old carpet in landfills or incinerators. Since the launch of FLOORE in 1994, Tandus Centiva has partnered with thousands of building owners to reclaim and recycle their old vinyl-back carpet. This old carpet is a valuable resource to us as it serves as the feedstock for our award-winning modular and Powerbond® products. For our customers, it is an environmentally sound alternative to adding to the more than two billion pounds of carpet that is disposed into landfills every year.

Right: The amount of carpet recycled could cover 1/3 of the area of Manhattan in New York City.



### GETTING STARTED

Contact your Tandus Centiva account executive to determine if your vinyl-backed floorcovering can be recycled. We may require a small sample to confirm. Please note, there is no charge if Tandus Centiva product is replacing the existing carpet.

Your Tandus Centiva account executive will send you a Material Reclamation Request Form. This form must be submitted and approved.

## CARPET RECYCLING PROCESS

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**CARPET TILE REMOVED**  
Carpet tile is removed and placed on pallets for transport.



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**TRANSPORT**  
Pallets are loaded on a 53-foot trailer. Trailers can accommodate about 4,000 square yards of carpet tile.



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**ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**  
All reclaimed carpet is sent to Tandus Centiva's Center for Environmental Innovation in Dalton, GA -- the first recycling facility in the world to earn third party certification.



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**GRINDER**  
Carpet is processed into smaller pieces as the first step in the closed-loop program for recycling old carpet back into carpet.



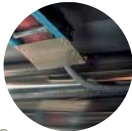
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**PELLETIZER**  
These small pieces are then processed into fine pellets. A state-of-the-art computer controlled system uniformly blends the pelletized material by weight.



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**EXTRUDER**  
This blend is then extruded into a continuous pliable three-inch rope. A conveyor belt transports the material to the calendar.



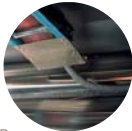
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**ER3 BACKING INVENTORY**  
ER3® and ethos® with recycled content backing are available for our Modular and PoErbond styles.



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**CALENDAR**  
Hardened steel calendars continuously form the pliable material into a recycled composite sheet, ER3® and ethos®.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Is there a cost to recycle the carpet?

There is no charge to recycle approved PVC-backed carpet as long as Tandus Centiva products are being purchased to replace the reclaimed carpet.

### What if the carpet was manufactured by another company?

No problem. Most vinyl-backed (PVC) floorcoverings – regardless of the manufacturer – are accepted.\* In fact, most of the floorcovering we reclaim and recycle – about 75 percent – was made by other manufacturers.

### Will Tandus Centiva recycle broadloom carpet?

Broadloom carpet is incompatible with our recycling process. In some cases, Tandus Centiva can facilitate the reclamation of broadloom carpet by third parties.

### Is there a minimum or maximum amount that can be reclaimed?

In most cases, Tandus Centiva requires a minimum of 3,500 square yards. That's about enough material to fill a standard 53-foot trailer and provides for return using minimal resources. If the reclaimed material is prepared and loaded to specifications, the trailer should be able to contain 3,800 to 4,000 square yards. If you have less than 3,500 yards, speak with our Tandus Centiva account executive as we may have a local collection site in your area that can store and combine smaller amounts.

### How should the reclaimed material be packaged?

Carpet tile should be stacked (minimum of 48" and maximum of 56") on a pallet and secured to pallet using stretch wrap or plastic banding. Reclaimed Powerbond® or vinyl-backed roll goods should be sized to a maximum of 48" by 60" and stacked flat on a pallet.

### Can Tandus Centiva provide documentation that the reclaimed carpet has been recycled?

Absolutely – Tandus Centiva will provide sworn certification that all reclaimed carpet returned to us is recycled into new floorcoverings.



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Tandus Centiva's Center for Environmental Innovation is the first third party certified reclamation and recycling center in the floorcovering industry.

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