Tarkett ReStart[®] Reclamation Program





THE ULTIMATE FLOORING EXPERIENCE

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As a leading manufacturer of commercial floorcoverings, Tarkett has a responsibility to make products that are safe for the people who use them and for the environment. That means we design our flooring to have a long, meaningful life and at the end of use, our products can be repurposed back into new flooring through the ReStart[®] Program. We were the first in the industry to reclaim and recycle soft surface flooring from the waste stream, the first to third-party certify a recycled content product and the industry's first to third-party certify a closed-loop reclamation and recycling program. Each day we recycle up to 90,000 pounds of flooring and waste, totaling more than 300 million pounds to date.

- The Architectural Sample Return Program repurposes unused and outdated samples returned from specifiers.
- Our Contractor Return Program reclaims clean installation flooring waste, and incorporates it into our new products.
- The Post-Consumer flooring recycling program recycles all soft surface and VCT flooring. We recommend using our releasable adhesive as it makes the floor easier to recycle. But, don't worry, we'll still take it back for recycling if you didn't.

We look at the economic, industrial and social frameworks that surround our products constantly examining the methodologies and tools that allow us to produce flooring that can be reclaimed at the end of its useful life. And we strive to find innovative ways to reuse those materials and still produce the high performance and lasting products we are known for.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Is there a cost to recycle the floorcovering?

There is no charge to recycle approved floorcovering and accessories as long as Tarkett products are being purchased to replace the reclaimed floorcovering. The cost to recycle through the ReStart Program is generally less than the cost containers, freight and tipping fees - to send to landfill.

What can be recycled?

All Tarkett installation waste can be returned. Any post consumer Tandus Centiva carpet or Tarkett VCT can be recycled in the ReStart Program. A Material Return Request Form must accompany all material to be recycled. If product to be returned was not manufactured by Tarkett, then a sample must be submitted with the request to verify compatibility. Prior approval must be obtained to return such products.

Will you accept all colors of VCT?

With VCT, preference is given to light colors such as beige, light grey and white. For soft surface materials all colors are accepted. If you have any questions, please contact your Tarkett representative.

Will Tarkett recycle broadloom carpet?

Broadloom carpet is incompatible with our in-house recycling process. However, Tarkett can facilitate the reclamation of broadloom carpet by third parties.

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

No, there is no minimum amount required for recycling through the ReStart Program. Freight charges may apply for soft surface shipments less than 3,500 sq. yds. or VCT shipments less than 34,000 sq. ft. That is enough to fill a standard 53 ft. carpet trailer or 20 ft. container for VCT. If you have a lesser quantity, speak to your Tarkett account executive as we may have a local collection site that can store and combine smaller amounts.

How should the reclaimed material be packaged?

All carpet and VCT returned for recycling must be palletized for shipment. Material must be secured to a pallet using stretch wrap and/or banding. VCT may be placed in a cardboard gaylord if stacking is not practical. VCT and carpet cannot be packaged together. All material must be clean and dry and no metals, paper, wood, plastics or other materials may be mixed with the material being returned for recycling. Contact restart@tarkett.com for more specific instructions.

Can Tarkett provide documentation that the reclaimed floorcovering has been recycled?

Absolutely. Upon request, Tarkett will provide a certificate verifying the amount reclaimed and that all carpet or VCT returned to us will be recycled into new floorcovering.

Recycling Process







SOFT SURFACE





Extruder This blend is then extruded into a continuous pliable rope. A conveyor belt transports the materia to the calender



Calender Hardened steel cylinders continuously form the pliable material into a recycled composite sheet





Backing The recycled composite sheet becomes backing for our ER3® Modular carpet tile.





Fransport Pallets shipped by trailer or container accommodating up to 4,000 square yards

of floorcovering.



VCT



Pelletizer

Small carpet pieces are then processed into fine pellets. A computer controlled system uniformly blends the pelletized materia by weight into new floorcovering



Grinder

For both carpet and VCT, grinding the product into smaller pieces is the first step in the closedloop program for recycling old floorcovering into new floorcovering.



Mixer A continuous feed

mixer takes this blend and mixes it with other ingredients to create VCT backing.



Mill

After grinding, small VCT pieces are sent through a mill process to create a consistent blend.





Restart Center

All reclaimed material is sent to one of our ReStart recycling centers in either Dalton, GA or Florence, AL

Our product portfolios are designed with deconstruction in mind so we are easily able to take them back, update them with new product and reuse them. We also reclaim and reuse or recycle sample material; 1,101,294 samples and portfolios have been reclaimed as of February 2017.



Recycling Made Easy

- 1. Contact your distributor for consolidator availability in your area.
- 2. Contact your local consolidator for instructions, labels and small bags.
- 3. To verify eligibility, a sample is required. Please contact your Tarkett regional representative. The sample will be analyzed to determine the recyclability of the product.
- 4. Your local representative will notify you once the material is approved.
- 5. Our Reclamation Customer Service Representative will get in touch, providing you with an MRA (Material Return Authorization) number as well as a Recycling agreement.
- 6. Attach appropriate labels on all sides and close the bag/box.
- 7. Call the number on the MRA to schedule pickup and delivery.



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