

Email message to CalRecycle

The promise of the Carpet Stewardship Act to increase diversion of carpet from landfill has not yet been realized in Santa Cruz County.

Several years ago (from 2005 through 2008) we had an arrangement with Chamlian Enterprises, later SOEX West, of Fresno to accept carpet we collected at our disposal sites for the cost of transportation only, with no tipping fee. The market changed and that diversion arrangement ended.

Today, with the initial implementation of a Carpet Stewardship Plan, we see no diversion opportunities even as good as we had eight years ago. But in order to take advantage of a used carpet market today, we would actually need a better deal than we had previously, as our disposal site operation does not have the financial cushion we had during the boom years of the last decade.

Residents of this county, who have been paying into the Carpet Stewardship Fund when they purchase carpet for nearly two years now, do not see any alternatives to throwing old carpet in the landfill. We hope that judicious expenditures from the Fund can result in greater carpet diversion in all geographic areas of the state.

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

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