

## How to recycle SOMMER carpets

## **USER GUIDE**



## TOGETHER,

let's give a second life to the materials used during the events



## WHY RECYCLE CARPETS AFTER AN EVENT?

### **A CIVIC DUTY!**



#### **Recycle to preserve**

our planet's resources by integrating secondary raw materials into the manufacture of other objects.

#### Recycle to encourage economic activity by creating jobs

in the recycling industry.

#### Recycle to be as close as possible to the wishes of consumers who want to reduce their carbon footprint.

## **A STRONG VALUE WITHIN OUR COMPANY!**

#### **Recycle because it's been in Sommer's DNA for over a century!**

We have also been offering recyclable carpets for over 15 years.

Sommer didn't wait for this to become urgent! We also recycle and sort all our production waste: carpet, wood, metal, big bag scraps ...

We integrate end caps (packaging of carpet rolls) made from our recycled carpets into our manufacturing process.

#### Recycle because it is a strong value for every Sommer employee.

Everyone has changed their behavior to reduce their carbon footprint (biodegradable or glass cups, bicycle trips, group trips, work with a dual computer screen greatly reducing printing needs, sorting waste, etc.).



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To help you in your eco-friendly approach, Sommer provides you with a directory of recyclers according to the type of material

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#### **RECYCLE needs :**

- eco-designed carpets, i.e. manufactured with the aim of being recyclable and recycled. At Sommer, all carpets are designed to be recycled in the form of granules with interesting physical and chemical properties for the plastics industry.
- clean' carpets, i.e. free of all waste: paper, cardboard, screws, nails, wood...
- sorted and identified carpets. Indeed, to recycle, the flow must be mono-material. If you mix carpets from different suppliers that are not made of strictly identical materials, recycling will not take place. For example, a 100% PP carpet (Sommer) cannot be recycled with a PP / PES carpet or any other composition.

#### What about polyane and double-sided tape?

If there are small amounts of polyane (protective film) and/or double-sided adhesives left on the carpet, this will not interfere with recycling.

#### FORBIDDEN FOR RECYCLING









# OUR SOLUTION FOR A CLEAN REMOVAL PROCESS OF CARPET





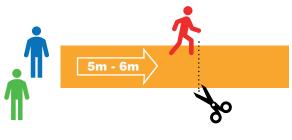
#### CUT a piece of 5-6m

Cutting the gangway carpet every 5m-6m allows to work with smaller manageable pieces, that weight between 3kg and 8kg each, depending on the width of the piece.

Cutting across the width of the carpet takes less than 10 seconds for 4m wide gangway

- ► Start wit a team of 3 people
- Person A (in red) walks in front 5-6 steps => approximately 5-6m distance

► Cuts the carpet across the width, creating a piece of approximately 6m x 4m width (or less depending on the width of the carpet).



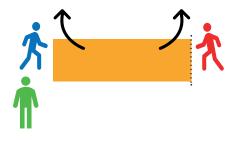
Step 1 = max 10 seconds

#### LIFT for debris to fall

Working in teams of 2, lift the piece by holding it in the middle width wise, thus allowing for debris to sip out / fall onto the floor.

If 4m carpet piece is held in the middle from both ends and lifted, it will create a two-fold piece of 2m, weighing total 8kg => adequate to be handled by 2 people of an average height and build.

▶ Person B (in blue) and Person A (in red) lift the piece of carpet from the floor and hold it in the middle => upper side remains outside, thus all debris seep/fall onto the floor.



Step 2 = max 20 seconds



#### **FOLD** upper side out

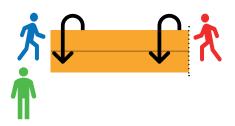
By lifting the piece, while holding in the middle, it has already been folded once. Position on the floor and fold once more length wise (applicable only for 3m and 4m wide carpet pieces). Aim to achieve a long strip of (upper side out = no debris inside) measuring approximately 5.0m-6.0m by 0.7m-1.0m; Slide to the side of gangway, permitting immediate safe movement of exhibitors & contractors.

► The piece of carpet is now two-fold.

► Position the two-fold piece on the floor and if required fold lengthwise once more.

► Fold once again lengthwise, if required, to achieve a 1m-1.5m long strip by 1m maximum width.

► The team moves onto the next 6m section and repeat steps 1, 2 & 3.





#### **PARCEL** for loading

From the already achieved long strip roll / fold into parcel like package not exceeding 1.5m x 1m size; move the piece to the nearest pile of uplifted carpet.

A third member of the team, can be allocated specifically to this task.

Mini piles of carpet are collected with any type trolley(s) and moved to designated location ready for loading.

► Team Member C (in green) follows behind Team members A & B and folds the carpet strip into a parcel approximately 1.5m x 1m.

► The person then moves on to the next strip of carpet; folds it into a parcel and stacks folded pieces together; carpet is ready for loading.



Step 4 = max 15 seconds

Step 3 = max 15 seconds

**Recyclers** directory





#### RECYCLING A CARPET AFTER AN EVENT

Type of carpets accepted for recycling:

Needlepunched carpets: Expostyle / Expoline / Expoglitter / Exposhow / Expografik

Packing:

Bales (preferably with Plastic straps)



#### SPECIFICATIONS

- Delivery method: complete tarpaulin truck = 13 tons of carpets in bales that is to say 40 000 m<sup>2</sup> of compacted carpets bales
- Fibres composition: 100% PP (no other mixed fibres)
- Backing: impregnated only (resin)
- Undercoat: no underlay (no PU, no chalk, no foam, no studs)
- State of the carpet:
  - Imperatively dry.
    - The skips or storage areas must be protected from the rain.
  - **Clean** (no sawdust, screws, nails, leftover food or other waste). Primary cleaning required whilst removing or during a second step.

#### **RECYCLER: PAPREC PLASTIQUES**

Activity: Recycling & Waste valorization

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Address: ZI de Chicago - 55100 VERDUN - France

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#### **RECYCLER: VANHEEDE**

Activity: Plastic transformation & Pellet manufacturer

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MAJ : Vanheede/A2-0621





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DVA NV

Bosweg 26 BELGIUM BELGIUM

#### **RECYCLER: DVA**

Activity: Plastic recycling

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#### **RECYCLER: PROFILLIN NV**

Activity: Plastic recycling

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## RECYCLING: A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY !

Recycling concerns each link of the event chain:

- ► The carpet manufacturer who has to deliver a recyclable product.
- ► The organiser who chooses the recycling service.
- ► The removal service provider who must prepare and load the carpet correctly.
- ► The recycler who must be reliable (recycling certificate).

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