



SUSTAINABLE FLOORING INSTALLATION

Your Environmental Edge



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Sustainability is no longer a trend.

Many companies across the country are evaluating their current practices in favor of more sustainable decisions. At Inside Edge Commercial Interior Services™, we have the experience, product knowledge and service provider network to help you integrate sustainable practices into your flooring installation projects.

Sustainable Flooring Products

The flooring industry is making great strides toward sustainability. Most manufacturers offer carpeting and resilient flooring that is recyclable and/or contains post-industrial or post-consumer recycled content.

Adhesive

We can help you select an adhesive that is manufacturer-approved and certified to meet stringent low-VOC guidelines. Before installation we test the sub-floor for moisture and alkalinity; when necessary we provide mitigation services to prevent mold and moisture vapor emissions, which can cause installation failure and poor indoor air quality.

Wall Base

We can guide you to products which meet your design specs yet are recyclable or contain recycled content. (One popular base, which you may already be using, contains 50%-80% post-industrial recycled content.)

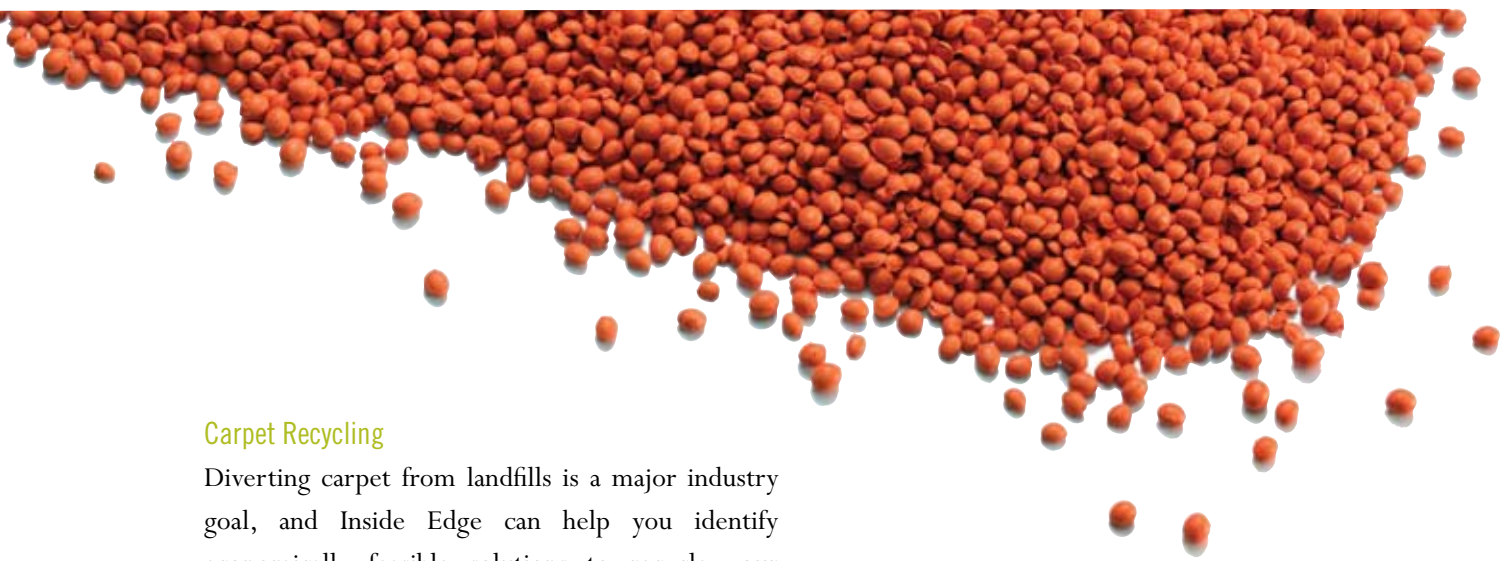
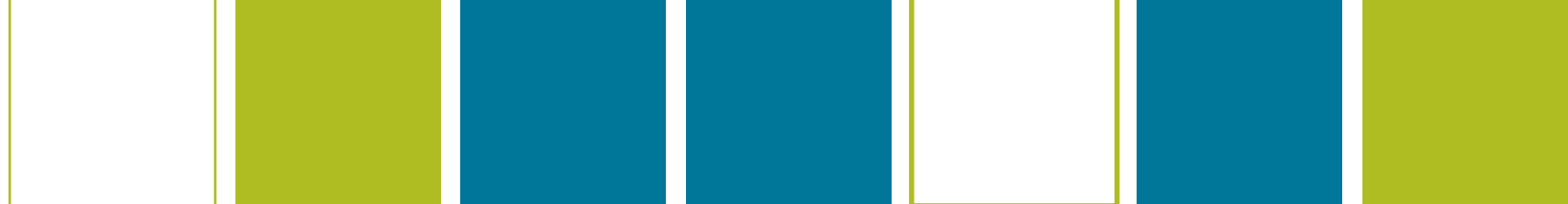
Transition and Reducer Strips

Inside Edge can help you specify transition and reducer strips with recycled content. These transitions and reducers perform and wear just as well as non-sustainable products, but are an environmentally friendly choice.

EASY STEPS TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE FLOORING INSTALLATION

- ✓ Select sustainable flooring products
- ✓ Use low-VOC adhesives
- ✓ Select wall base products with recycled content
- ✓ Select transitions and reducers with recycled content
- ✓ Recycle old carpeting
- ✓ Incorporate preventative and ongoing maintenance to prolong product life





Carpet Recycling

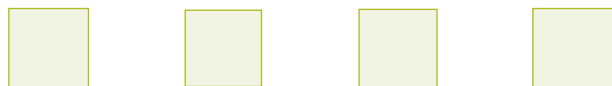
Diverting carpet from landfills is a major industry goal, and Inside Edge can help you identify economically feasible solutions to recycle your used carpeting. We will provide you with recycling options that may include manufacturer reclamation programs or third party recyclers.

Factors that determine our recycling solutions include the manufacturer and type of carpet you already have; the manufacturer and type of carpet you're installing; and the location of your project.

Preventative and Ongoing Maintenance

Preventative and ongoing maintenance have a long-term effect upon sustainability. Effective maintenance prolongs product life, which lessens the environmental impact of remodeling. Regardless of the flooring product selected, it must be well-maintained to achieve its full life expectancy. Inside Edge can help you design a comprehensive program that includes preventative and routine maintenance; if needed, we can provide restorative maintenance.

We can also recommend flooring products and cleaning chemistries that will help your floor covering last longer. Our low-moisture carpet-cleaning chemistry Longevity™ has earned the Carpet and Rug Institute Seal of Approval and will not void the carpet manufacturer's warranty.



The Cost of Sustainability

There's a balance between sustainability and budget considerations, and often the sustainable choice is more feasible than you might think. Sustainable flooring products like adhesive and wall base may not cost more than the products you're currently using – in fact, you may already be using sustainable products. Fees for recycling your old carpet vary from market to market; however, when compared with the cost of sending it to a landfill there may be only a slight difference. Factoring in the cost to the environment, sustainability is a smart business decision.

The Bottom Line

Inside Edge Commercial Interior Services can help you select products and services to ensure a sustainable installation project. Whether you are trying to reach your company's environmental goals or striving for LEED certification on a particular project, we can take you beyond the specification stage to help you achieve sustainability throughout your entire installation.

For more information, call 1-800-693-3439 or visit www.insideedgecis.com



The Seal of Sustainability

Look for these logos to identify sustainable products.



CRI Green Label – certifies that carpet and adhesives have met stringent Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) criteria for low chemical emissions



CRI Green Label Plus – an even more rigorous low-VOC certification



SCS Sustainable Choice – manufacturers submit products for third party sustainability testing by Scientific Certification Systems



Resilient Floor Covering Institute's (RFCI) Floor Score – certifies that resilient flooring products meet stringent standards for indoor air quality

What is LEED®?

The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance green buildings and a platform for sustainable development. It is administered by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).



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