The flooring industry is not bound by law to recycle waste, but Polyflor is actively seeking to recover and recycle its post consumer waste vinyl flooring to minimise the flooring industry's environmental impact and close the loop of our products' life cycles.

“We are proud to be associated with Recofloor and we actively recycle all our waste vinyl flooring, reducing the impact on the environment. We are also saving on our disposal costs, a major factor with any business. We will continue with this policy and endeavour to return 100% good quality waste vinyl for eventual use in new products.”

Wayne Ede, Managing Director, Westlinks

“The Recofloor service is very convenient for us, especially for contractors who want to drop off small amounts of flooring and it all helps to save money.”

Nathan Campling, Director, Eden Flooring and Interiors
2019 sees the 10 Year Anniversary of Recofloor, and as co-founder of this market-leading recycling scheme, we couldn’t be prouder.

As of September, more than 4,656 tonnes of waste vinyl - enough to cover **230 football pitches** - has been recycled through this nationwide vinyl flooring recycling scheme over the past decade.

On average, Recofloor recycles 1.3 tonnes of vinyl per day - equivalent to the **weight of a black rhinoceros**. Smooth and safety vinyl offcuts plus roll ends, are recycled back into new flooring, while smooth uplifted waste is recycled into traffic cones.

We are celebrating this year with various activities, including:

**Recofloor Gold Bin Promotion**
Find a gold bin at 1 of our drop-off sites, snap and share on Twitter with @Recofloor and #ItsBIN10Years for a chance to win 1 of 3 Red Letter Days vouchers.

**The 10 Year Tour**
We will be visiting our collectors and flooring contractors for the first time, from Scotland to Cornwall...Look forward to seeing you!
R ecofloor is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and have given our iconic collection bins an anniversary makeover.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, ten of the bins have been sprayed gold and will be randomly placed at our 59 drop-off sites throughout 2019.

If you spot one, be sure to take a photo of, or with it, and post it on Twitter using @Recofloor and the hashtag #ItsBin10Years. At the end of our 10th anniversary year, all entries will be entered into a prize draw to win one of three £100 Red Letter Days vouchers.

Full terms and conditions on the Recofloor website at www.recofloor.org

#ItsBIN10Years

Have you seen a GOLD bin?

To find out more, contact:

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www.facebook.com/Recofloor
A major challenge in the recycling of post-consumer waste was the logistics of retrieving the material, rather than actually recycling it. To try and tackle this issue and actively encourage recycling more waste vinyl flooring, a working group was formed in 2007 with all vinyl flooring manufacturers on board, managed and coordinated by a waste management company.

Funding for this recycling initiative came from WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme). Once the trial period and government funding ceased, members had to review the scheme’s future. Polyflor continued to run the scheme with another UK manufacturer and in 2009 Recofloor was formed.

As a founding and funding member of Recofloor, Polyflor has helped develop the scheme into the success that it is today — supporting financially; driving the scheme through sales and marketing, as well as logistically supporting with collections, sorting and ultimately recycling.
“I think the Recofloor scheme is brilliant; recycling is the best thing that should happen to old vinyl. I take any vinyl out of the skips, put it into the Recofloor bags and ask the fitters to check for contaminants in their bags too. We do save on disposal costs through the scheme; four bags cost £30 each versus £250 for a skip of the same size - so that’s a 50% saving and vinyl is not going into landfill.”

Jeff Abbott, Warehouse Manager, Top Floors, Ipswich
Polyflor is a cofounder of Recofloor, the industry’s leading vinyl take-back scheme for recycling end of life post consumer vinyl flooring in the UK.

Polyflor invests a great deal into Recofloor and helps drive its success by continually promoting it and engaging with customers.

Through Recofloor, Polyflor can recycle smooth and safety installation offcuts, smooth uplifted flooring and old stock roll-ends and samples.

This material is recovered and recycled into new flooring or other useful products such as traffic cones and barriers.

Customers must register with the scheme and then request smaller or larger bulk bags to gather their waste vinyl.

Regardless of waste material volumes, there is an outlet accessible for everyone:

- For smaller volumes, drop-off sites at distributors are available at no charge.
- Larger volumes of waste vinyl can be collected on pallets directly from a live project, on a timed collection, or collected from a contractor’s site.
- There are fees for collections, but compared to the average landfill cost of £120 per tonne these nominal fees can save up to 70%.

"At the construction site 8% of the material is assumed to be wasted."

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How it Works

**STEP 1**
Call to register interest with Recofloor

**STEP 2**
Recofloor dispatches clear plastic sacks to client or client collects from distributor

**STEP 3**
- Client fills clear sacks with vinyl waste flooring
- Client takes waste vinyl flooring to drop-off site FOC

**STEP 4**
- When bags are full, client telephones Recofloor to book a collection and makes credit card payment

Recofloor dispatches bulk bags to client

- Client fills bulk bags with waste vinyl & places on pallets - minimum 2 bags, 250kg per bag

Collections from contractors’ sites £7.50* or Timed collections from live construction sites £15.00* Per bulk bag
“The reduced disposal cost and the positive effect on the environment proved very appealing to the main contractor.

“We had 4 days to uplift and screed which was achievable with the prompt collection by Recofloor.”

Tony Brown, Managing Director of FMI Contracts
Post installation, clean vinyl offcuts (smooth or safety vinyl)

Old stock vinyl roll-ends & samples (smooth or safety vinyl)

Smooth uplifted flooring – depending on condition and quality

Please ensure all material for collection is as clean as possible...

Linoleum, laminate, carpet, or flooring with jute or fabric backing

Cushion vinyl flooring

Liquids

General waste including asbestos, rubble, wood, blades, nails, screws etc

COLLECTION CONTAINERS AND STORAGE

For larger projects where there may be more waste, material will be collected in bulk bags clearly printed with the Recofloor logo and the type of material to be placed in the bag. It is essential that smooth uplifted flooring, safety offcuts and smooth offcuts are collected in separate bags. Due care should also be taken to ensure there are no contaminants.

Clear plastic sacks are available on request and are useful for transporting material to drop-off sites and for filling up with offcuts while laying flooring and then placed in bulk bags ready for collection. Bulk bags must be placed on pallets for collection.

For our drop-off sites, Recofloor provides Recofloor branded wheeled bins which have lockable lids, to prevent general rubbish being tipped. Once full, the distributor should phone Recofloor to arrange collection for the soonest available slot.
Since 2009 Recofloor has achieved a great deal and is now the industry leading facilitator for efficiently reclaiming vinyl flooring. 2010 was a real turning point for the scheme, which saw Recofloor winning the CIWM (Chartered Institute of Wastes Management) Award for Environmental Excellence in the category of SME Innovative Practice. Since then Recofloor has won a BCE (Business Commitment to the Environment) Premier Award and the Gold Award in the International Green Apple Environment Awards 2013, for Environmental Best Practice. Recofloor’s ‘Cost Calculator’, was a great initiative and continues to allow contractors to calculate how much it would cost to send their waste to landfill, and importantly the savings they will generate by using Recofloor instead.

Increasing volumes of quality reclaimed vinyl waste for recycling is continuously improving (a challenge has been educating members about the importance of the material they send back through the Recofloor scheme and avoiding contamination, which is not always easy on a busy building site). Volumes are consistently strong, with 4,341 tonnes having been collected since the scheme started in 2009. This volume equals nearly 1,447,000m² or 36,175 x 20m rolls – enough vinyl waste flooring to cover 203 football pitches - and is a saving of over 6,945 tonnes of CO₂.

Many thanks go to our customers who have embraced and supported this unique scheme. In particular, distributors’ involvement has certainly contributed to Recofloor’s success. By acting as drop-off sites for their customers, distributors have increased the accessibility of Recofloor making it even easier for contractors to dispose of their waste vinyl flooring. The drop-off sites have also facilitated Recofloor’s collection and recycling process. Furthermore, CO₂ emissions have been reduced by minimising needless drop-off and pick-up journeys.
That’s enough to cover

80.27
tonnes of wasye recycled in 65 collections during January

93%
of material collected was offcuts

7%
of material collected was uplifted flooring

4%
Increase on tonnage collections compared to 2017

570
tonnes of vinyl flooring collected in 2018

55
Drop-off sites

700+
Collectors

912
toines of CO₂ saved in 2018.

This equates to...

108
times around the equator in a car

224
cars taken off the road
Scheme Benefits

- The drop-off sites are free of charge. For non-timed collections and timed collections from live projects there are nominal fees of around £30 and £60 per tonne respectively, which could save our members up to 70% by recycling through Recofloor, rather than landfilling (costing £120 per tonne).
- Recofloor ties in with site waste management requirements.
- Certificates of commitment are awarded to impress and gain new contracts.
- Recofloor Awards - Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates are issued to members who have significantly recycled, as well as awards for numerous categories such as ‘Distributor of the Year’, ‘Contractor of the Year’ and ‘Construction Project of the Year’.
- Customers are keen to see their flooring waste recycled.
- Recofloor can be specified as an outlet for vinyl waste in tenders.
- Could help achieve extra points on BREEAM® & LEED® assessments.
We’ve increased the number of collections at Cardiff and Recofloor is very good at responding to our requirements. We encourage our customers to take part and give them free Recofloor sacks to keep their vans and site tidy. They can then drop off waste vinyl at any of our depots – it’s a free service.

“It’s important to EMPHASISE the BENEFITS because it really is a ‘WIN-WIN’ situation for EVERYBODY.”

Andy Nichols, Managing Director, 3D Flooring Supplies Ltd
2019 Recofloor Awards

The annual Recofloor Awards reward our members for their hard work and efforts in recycling vinyl waste flooring. The scheme functions because of our members’ commitments – thank you!

In April 2019 we celebrated our 10 Year Anniversary along with the recycling commitments of our customers at Recofloor’s 8th annual awards event at The Belfry, hosted by comedian Mark Watson.

WINNERS 2019

Contractor of the Year:
WINNER: Fineweave Carpets Ltd
Highly Commended: Bailey & Taylor Ltd

Distributor of the Year:
WINNER: Fitwell Flooring Ltd
Highly Commended: SFS Flooring Supplies

Drop-off Site User of the Year:
WINNER: Fantasy Flooring Ltd
Highly Commended: County Contract Flooring Ltd

Brand Ambassador:
WINNER: Branagan Flooring Services Ltd

Project of the Year:
WINNER: Middlesex Flooring Ltd
Highly Commended: Midlands Flooring Ltd

Best Newcomer:
WINNER: CT Flooring Ltd

Recofloor Champion:
WINNER: Andy Nicholls, HFD Bridgend
Highly Commended: Andy Hardy, Premier Carpets and Flooring (SW) Ltd

Greatest Improver:
1st: Lee Floorstok, Liverpool
2nd: PFL, Dublin
3rd: Fitwell Flooring Ltd

Longstanding Achievement:
Reform Flooring Ltd

Outstanding Achievement:
Birch Distribution

Lee Harvey Award:
Anthony Francis, Mayfield Floors
We were constantly filling skips with waste flooring, so after being introduced to Recofloor by our distributor we decided to give it a try. Since then it’s worked wonders, and everybody’s been very supportive. They’ve given us all the help we need and encouraged us to come to the awards. Last year, we collected about 11.5 tonnes and used between a third and a half fewer skips.

Lyndon Simms
Director at CT Flooring Ltd – Best Newcomer
2018 Recofloor Awards

In April 2018 we celebrated the environmental commitment of our recycling heroes at Recofloor’s 7th annual awards event at Liverpool FC’s renowned home, Anfield. It was a great day, further enhanced by football legend, Kevin Keegan, who hosted the event for us.

“Recofloor has definitely had a direct influence on my company securing a lot of contracts with local authorities and NHS Trusts who are also looking to further their green credentials with their sustainability targets.

“Recofloor is an extension of our team, helping us to deliver a quality service to our clients. All our employees are fully briefed on Recofloor, what it means to both them and us and what we’re trying to achieve. We have regular Toolbox Talks to discuss different issues, one of which being the Recofloor scheme. All new starters on their induction are fully briefed on what it is, how we do it and how we recycle.

“In this industry, it’s important to have integrity and you can’t demonstrate that much more than in helping to save the planet.”

Anthony Francis,
Managing Director at Mayfield Floors.

WINNERS 2018

Contractor of the Year:
WINNER: Carpets ‘N’ Carpets Ltd, Treorchy
Highly Commended: Middlesex Flooring Ltd

Distributor of the Year:
WINNER: Birch Distribution, Sheffield
Highly Commended: MCD Kidderminster

Drop-off Site User of the Year:
WINNER: County Contract Flooring, Droitwich
Highly Commended: Skylark Flooring Ltd, Rotherham

Brand Ambassador:
WINNER: S&D Flooring Specialists Ltd, Hull

Project of the Year:
WINNER: Ryjock Flooring, Sheffield
Highly Commended: Middlesex Flooring Ltd

Best Newcomer:
WINNER: MSD Flooring Ltd, Wigan
Highly Commended: Fineweave Carpets Ltd, Reading

Recofloor Champion:
WINNER: Mark Purnell, Fantasy Flooring, Bristol
Highly Commended: Jeff Abbott, Top Floors (East Anglia) Ltd

Greatest Improver:
1st: SW Flooring, Ramsgate
2nd: JDF Flooring, Kenilworth
3rd: The Headlam Group, Gateshead

Longstanding Achievement:
Mayfield Floors, Stockport
“We put a lot of effort into Recofloor; it’s a no-brainer for people. Recycling, if you’re working in schools, hospitals, that sort of Government environment, counts for a lot. They’re saving money and they’re helping the environment; it ticks a lot of boxes.

“Joe and Carla are fantastic to work with, they make it very easy to deal with and they really help. It’s not additional, it just works with us. It’s brilliant!”

Niall Kinsella
Contracts Manager, MCD Kidderminster
Case Studies

Recofloor has been helping flooring contractors to ‘go that extra mile’ since 2009 – click the links to find out more.

Flooring Solutions NI

Flooring Solutions NI, one of Northern Ireland’s leading contract flooring specialists collected around 100 bulk bags of waste vinyl from a number of school projects.

Hull Flooring

Working with retail to recycle:
Hull Flooring is collecting waste vinyl from a number of retail projects across the country. Recofloor bulk bags are collected directly from site.

Birch Distribution champions Recofloor

Birch Distribution was the first flooring distributor to join the scheme and was named the 2012 Distributor of the Year at the Recofloor Awards.

Axiom Group

Recofloor at the North Staffordshire Hospital project:
Axiom Contract Flooring Group won Construction Project of the Year in the 2013 Recofloor Awards for recovering more than 37.5 tonnes of vinyl off-cuts from the £400 million development of the Hospital based in Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

Rudge Brothers & James – Going for Gold

Winning a Bronze Award in 2015 fired up award enthusiasm to do more at Rudge Brothers and James Ltd.

Distributors Case Study

Distributors play a key role in the success of Recofloor’s nationwide waste vinyl flooring collection scheme. Their engagement with the flooring supply chain and ability to bulk up small volumes of vinyl on their premises for subsequent collection and recycling.

Drop-off Site User Case Study

Recofloor’s Drop-Off Site User of the Year Award winners describe how they use the Recofloor drop-off sites to recycle small amounts of day-to-day waste vinyl.

Mayfield Floors

Discover how Mayfield Floors have implemented Recofloor at their premises and the positive impact recycling with Recofloor has had on their business.

Construction Company Case Study

Recofloor builds the case for recycling on construction projects. Find out how MacGregor Flooring Company Limited used Recofloor at the new £90 million West Cumberland Hospital in Cumbria and in 2015 won the Construction Project of the Year Award.

Keepmoat

Recofloor contributes to Keepmoat’s sustainability objectives:
Keepmoat, a national new build, regeneration and property-services company, implemented Recofloor on several refurbishment projects under the Decent Homes Standard.
“Joining Recofloor was very much an environmentally-based decision for us. Before we were paying for skips and just landfilling the waste flooring. When we approach new contractors, we tell them we’re part of Recofloor and ask if we can agree on a recycling strategy to promote our green credentials – and theirs.

“When we call the Recofloor team to arrange a collection, there are never any issues and everything is very well organised.”

Greer Winnington, Flooring Solutions NI Director
References

Featuring the 2015 Construction Project of the Year Award for collecting more than 14 tonnes of waste vinyl from the new £90 million West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven.

Retail
Nike Factory Store, Cheshire Oaks, Ellesmere Port
Game, Fort Shopping Centre, Glasgow
Robert Dyas, London
M&S, Hartlepool, Newcastle
Ikea, Glasgow
HMV, York
Halfords, Manchester, Oxford, Leicester, Telford, Wakefield, Reading, Oldham, Hartlepool, Merseyside, Stoke-on-Trent

Healthcare
St Mary’s Infirmary Hospital, Manchester
West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven
Southend University Hospital, Westcliff-on-Sea
Northumbria Emergency Care, Cramlington
Papworth Hospital
North Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine
Circle Health Hospital, Edgbaston

Commercial
GlaxoSmithKline, Durham
Recipharm Ltd, Ashton-under-Lyne
Bespak Europe Ltd, Milton Keynes

Education
Balmoral School, Belfast
Queen’s University, Belfast
Paradise Student Village, Coventry
Blairadrie Primary School
Ark Pioneer Academy, Barnet
Aitken Buildings, University of Birmingham
“We believe that recycling is the way forward on all contracts as it eliminates the need for landfill and associated high disposal costs. It also ticks all the boxes for the main contractors who are willing to participate. They get a lot of credence out of it. When they move onto other contracts they can show what they did with the specialist contractors to recycle waste products, such as flooring.”

Hamish MacGregor, MD MacGregor Flooring Company Ltd
2015 Construction Project of the Year
This is a great way for a distributor to add value to the service provided, while helping the industry be more sustainable. Distributors can issue flooring contractors with free Recofloor sacks in which to collect installation vinyl flooring waste. To become a drop-off site space is required in the yard for a collection bin, so contractors can return the filled bags when collecting new supplies.

**The benefit to your business:**
- Added value to existing service
- Increase customer loyalty and satisfaction
- Create competitive advantage
- Improve ‘Green Credentials’

If you would like to be a drop-off site, please call:

**Recofloor Team**
0161 355 7618
Distributor Drop-Off Sites

Sites' details...
Distributor Drop-Off Site Locations

SCOTLAND
1 Carpet and Flooring  Glasgow  G41 1RR
2 Headlam Scotland  Motherwell ML1 4YF

NORTH
3 Carpet and Flooring  Gateshead NE11 0SZ
4 Headlam Carlisle CA2 5DF
5 Headlam Gateshead NE11 0ND

NORTH WEST
6 Alvin Morris  Liverpool L8 4UG
7 Branagan Flooring  Manchester M22 4RG
8 Carpet and Flooring  Manchester M30 0SF
9 Lee Floorstok  Liverpool L1 0BS
10 Pennine Flooring Supplies  Chester CH5 2DH
11 Pennine Flooring Supplies  Heywood OL10 2JG

YORKSHIRE
12 Birch Distribution  Hull HU7 0XD
13 Birch Distribution  Leeds LS10 1AG
14 Birch Distribution  Sheffield S9 5PH
15 Mercado  Leeds LS9 0PS
16 Wilkies All Floors  Leeds LS27 7JU

IRELAND
17 Provincial Floorcoverings Ltd  Belfast BT15 3GU
18 Provincial Floorcoverings Ltd  Dublin 10
19 Provincial Floorcoverings Ltd  Limerick

WALES
20 3D Flooring Supplies  Cardiff CF11 8RR
21 3D Flooring Supplies  Swansea SA1 7DA
22 Carpet & Flooring  Cardiff CF10 4LJ
23 MCD Wales  Bridgend CF31 3YN

EAST ENGLAND
24 Cheshirees of Lincoln  Lincoln LN6 3QS
25 STS Flooring  Bar Hill CB23 8UD

MIDLANDS
26 Capitol Flooring Supplies  Coventry CV6 5PY
27 Carpet and Flooring  Birmingham B32 3BZ
28 Concept Flooring Supplies  Smethwick B66 1AX
29 Floormart  Leicester LE3 6AH
30 MCD  Kidderminster DY11 7RA

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST
31 3D Flooring Supplies  Bristol BS4 4AX
32 3D Flooring Supplies  Taunton TA2 8RX
33 Bailey Carpets  Plymouth PL21 9GN
34 Beach Bros  Exeter EX4 1EQ
35 BL Flooring Supplies  Bristol BS2 9SH
36 BL Flooring Supplies  Brockworth GL3 4AQ
37 Carpet and Flooring  Bristol BS4 4ED
38 Christal Supplies  Plymouth PL9 7JD
39 Fitwell Flooring  Redtrh TR15 1SS
40 Nutland Carpets  Poole BH17 0UJ
41 Nutland Carpets  Southampton SO53 4HZ
42 Richards  Bristol BS10 7UB
43 Richards  Southampton SO50 9YA

SOUTH EAST AND LONDON
44 Anderson Grant  Chelmsford CM2 5AE
45 Ashmount Flooring Supplies  Tottenham N17 0UN
46 Beds Flooring  Bedford MK42 0PQ
47 Carpet and Flooring  Camberley GU15 3BW
48 Carpet and Flooring  Chatham ME5 8UD
49 Floor- iT  Bracknell RG12 1RW
50 PFC Flooring Supplies  Romford RM3 8TS
51 Safety Flooring Supplies  Langley SL3 8AR
52 STS Flooring  Orpington BR5 3SS
53 STS Flooring  Watford WD24 7RY
54 SW Flooring  Ramsgate CT12 6UW
55 Volante  Kingston KT1 3AY

“[The drop-off site at 3D Flooring in Cardiff is convenient for us - and it’s free. We’re saving around £250 a month on disposal costs and helping to save the environment by recycling waste vinyl that can be readily reused in new products.]

“Winning a Recofloor Award our first _ has raised awareness of our company.”

Mark Purnell, Director of Fantasy Flooring