

**WASTE IS NOT WASTE**

**THUMBS UP**

**Try Our Free Disposal Service!**

**That's right - It's totally free!**

**Common Items we do not take**

Cardboard, Paper Glass, Greenwaste, Tyres, Toxic and regulated waste

**List Your Goods Here**



**recyclables**

**One persons waste is another persons treasure**  
Items which are available through Noahs Ark

see [Resources](#)

**Free Waste Audit from EPA Waste Wise**

**Packaging cost savings per year**

Yarn packaging cartons	\$112,000
Strapping	
- Plastic	\$1,050
- Wrap	(\$2,600)
- Cardboard dividers	(\$28,000)
<b>Net annual saving</b>	<b>\$82,450</b>

**Carpet Maker Cuts Waste**

Northstate Carpet Mills, one of the initial partners in the EPA's WasteWise program, is finding innovative ways to reduce excessive waste at its Gold Coast factory. Working with the EPA's Sustainable Industries Division, the company has reduced its packaging and waste disposal costs by 75 percent and has turned some wastes into valuable resources.

**Waste reduction initiatives**

Previously, imported synthetic carpet yarns were delivered in strapped cardboard cartons that generated 63,000kg of waste cardboard and 420kg of strapping a year. Through discussions with its supplier, Northstate has reduced packaging materials at the source. Yarn is now delivered wrapped in recyclable plastic pallet wrap with stabilising cardboard dividers.

Since becoming a WasteWise partner, Northstate has reduced annual imported packaging cardboard by 60 percent while strapping waste has been totally eliminated. This represents an annual saving of 37,000kg of cardboard or 740 trees.

Annual wastage of discarded natural and synthetic carpet backing was estimated to be 3600 lineal meters or 2200kg.

An extensive search yielded a range of potential customers who now use the carpet backing in a variety of applications such as weed matting and carpet underlay. Northstate has successfully turned scrap, with its associated waste disposal costs, into an income-generating resource.

Unusable discontinued yarn stocks totaled 80,000kg. New products were developed to use those discontinued yarns more effectively. Excess yarn is now sold to carpet overlappers throughout Australia and exported overseas. Since becoming WasteWise, Northstate Carpet Mills has recycled over 60,000kg of discontinued yarn lines, saving \$4400 in waste disposal costs and diverting 300 cubic meters of waste from landfill.

The changes have also freed up valuable warehouse space.

Northstate Carpet Mills has developed a number of goals to reduce waste even further.



Mike Davis, Northstate Carpet Mill's Inventory Controller, inspects the stockpile of waste yarn now diverted from landfill and earning unexpected income. Photo: Sarah Heenan.

