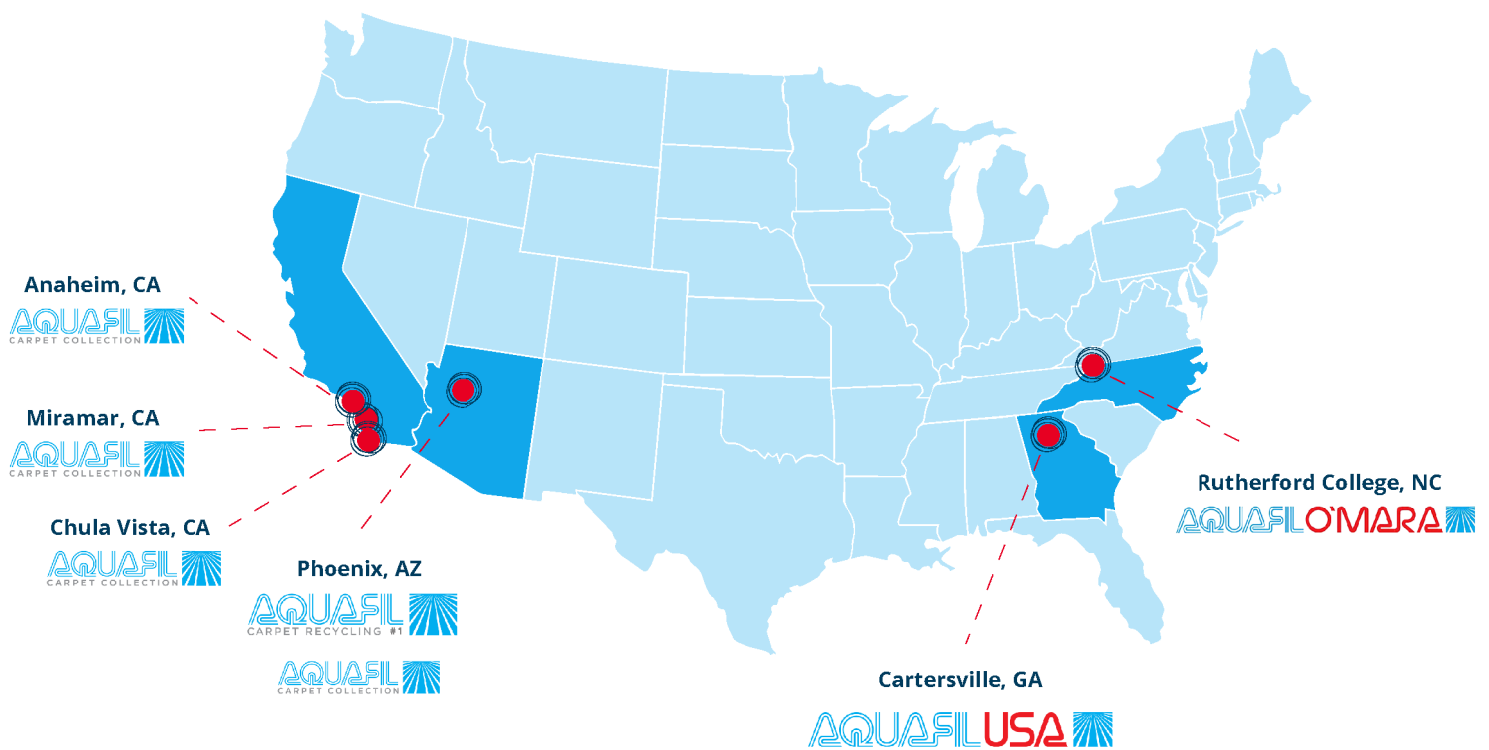


Fact Sheet

- Aquafil is the only company in the world that produces 100% recycled nylon made from waste, including fishing nets and carpets that would otherwise pollute the Earth.
- ECONYL® nylon is 100% recyclable and offers up to a 90% reduction in global warming potential compared to nylon made from fossil fuel sources. It is used by more than 2,500 leading design and fashion brands worldwide.
- Aquafil has one carpet recycling facility located in Phoenix, AZ and four carpet collection facilities located in Southern California and Arizona.
- The recycling facility in Phoenix, AZ recovers 36 million pounds of old carpets each year, which is equal to 27 Airbus A380 planes that are otherwise destined for landfills. The process retrieves three main components: nylon 6, polypropylene and calcium carbonate.
- Aquafil's four carpet collection facilities located across the Southwest of the United States help divert 12,500 tons of carpet and carpet pads from Phoenix Valley and California landfills each year.



Where does Aquafil source carpets?

ECONYL® nylon is made from waste, including fishing nets, carpets, fabric scraps and other nylon waste, that has been rescued from landfills and oceans around the world. Turning waste into treasure, Aquafil sources its carpet waste materials from its four carpet collection facilities located in the U.S.

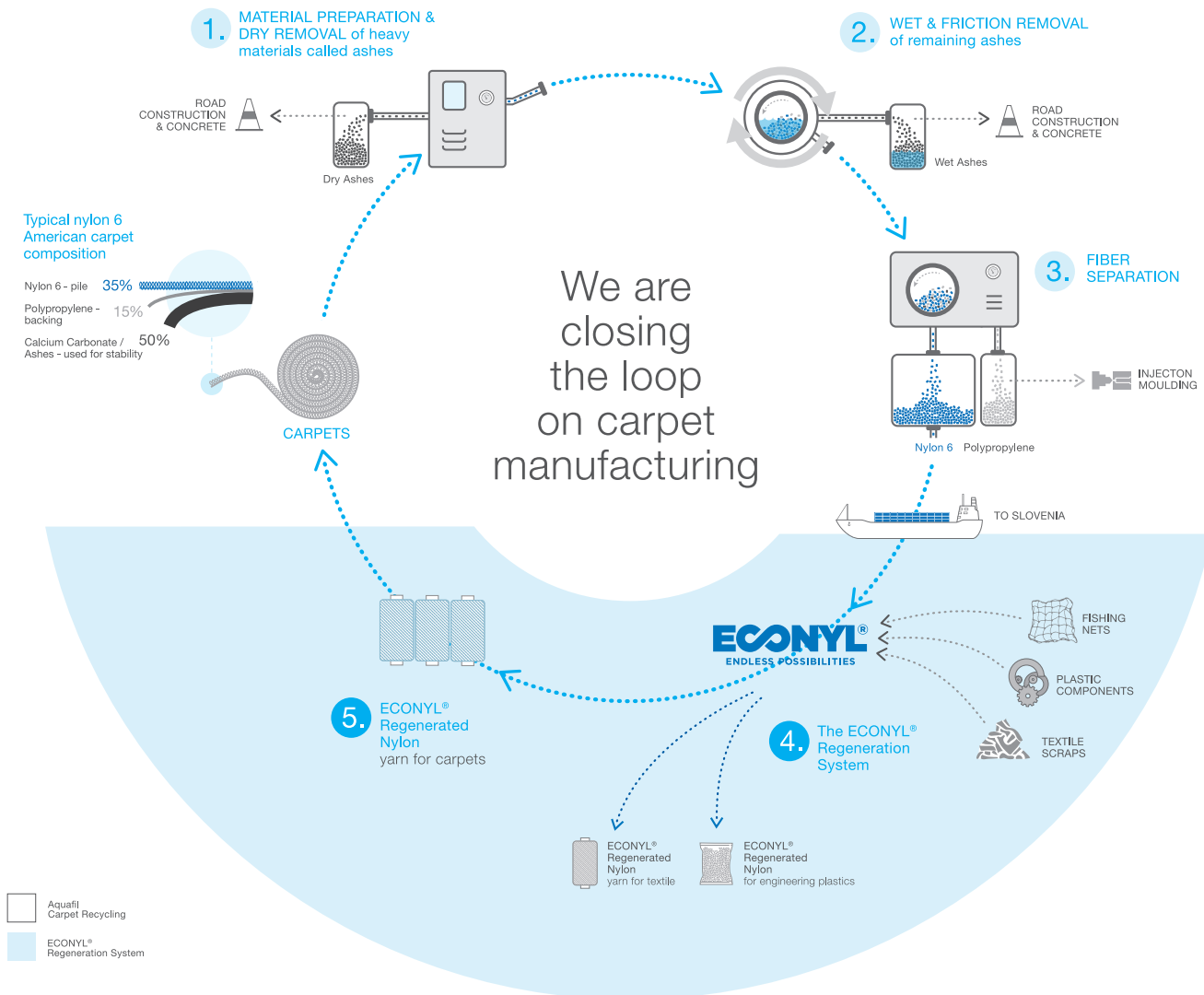
Each facility collects post-consumer carpeting and padding and is supplied to Aquafil Carpet Recycling Centers or other carpet recycling partners to be transformed into something new. The four Aquafil Carpet Collection facilities located across the Southwest of the United States help divert 12,500 tons of carpet and carpet pads from Phoenix Valley and California landfills each year.

How does Aquafil recycle carpet?

Aquafil is closing the loop on carpet manufacturing. Established in 2017, Aquafil Carpet Recycling #1 (ACR #1) is the first Aquafil carpet recycling plant in the U.S. The ACR #1 receives post-consumer carpets from the Aquafil Carpet Collection facilities and through advanced technology, disassembles the waste into three main components: Nylon 6, Polypropylene and Calcium Carbonate.

1. Nylon 6 is sent to the ECONYL® Regeneration System in Slovenia with other waste, like reclaimed fishing nets or textile scraps, to make ECONYL® nylon for infinite uses.
2. Polypropylene is used for the backing of carpets and goes into injection-molding production.
3. Calcium carbonate is used to stabilize the carpet and goes into road construction and concrete.

The Phoenix carpet recycling plant focuses on sourcing materials through the disassembly of carpets. It has the capacity to collect and treat 36 million pounds of carpets per year, and process about 25,000 square yards of carpet each day.



FAQ

What are the issues around carpet waste?

Carpet America Recovery Effort estimates 3.5 billion pounds of carpets are discarded in U.S. landfills each year. Most carpets are made primarily from finite resources in the form of oil-based plastics that could be recycled; however, only 5% of carpet waste is recycled in the U.S.

Carpet recycling has traditionally been a challenge due to the many different materials used, along with designs that do not allow for easy separation. The establishment of the Aquafil carpet recycling facilities is just one step as Aquafil continues to invest in innovative solutions to repurpose waste.

What is the solution Aquafil is providing?

Each carpet recycling facility will have the capacity to collect and treat 36 million pounds of carpet per year, making a sizeable dent in the waste stream. The goal is to recycle as much carpet waste as possible through carpet disassembly by establishing a number of these facilities throughout the U.S.

What environmental advantage is there to the carpet recycling facilities?

ECONYL® yarn is in high demand with carpet and textile manufacturers, as well as apparel brands. ECONYL® yarn offers the only possibility to have a premium price product that is sustainable - it also has a powerful environmental story that can connect with consumers and manufacturers.

Just as Aquafil is creating an opportunity to turn carpet waste into a business advantage, it's also helping brands and manufacturers reduce their environmental impact to transform a historically wasteful industry.

What are Aquafil's carpet recycling partnerships?

Aquafil is a member of The Carpet and Rug Institute, which is focused on key issues related to the carpet industry. The Carpet and Rug Institute actively engages around government relations and advocacy, regulatory systems participation, research funding and standards development. Aquafil USA President Franco Rossi is a member of the board.

What are the sustainability advantages in carpet recycling?

Aquafil assists with waste recovery by tapping into spent carpets as a resource. By producing nylon from waste instead of oil, Aquafil is able to reduce the global warming potential of nylon by up to 90%.

What comes next for Aquafil?

For more than 50 years, Aquafil has led the way for doing business with sustainability and circular economy at the core of its values and development strategy. The ECO PLEDGE® is the set of principles that, like a lighthouse in the night, guides and inspires all the work of the Group. The Pledge includes five guiding principles:

1. Rethinking products from a circular perspective
2. Environmental protection
3. Well-being of individuals
4. Shared responsibility through the value chain
5. Local community support

Aquafil continues to grow its capabilities for a circular economy. We no longer need to rely on synthetic materials made with fossil fuels. We have the capability today to make textiles fully recyclable and circular. We believe this is the future of fashion, textiles, furniture and manufacturing at large and we're excited to be part of this evolution.



Company Overview

Aquafil is helping transform the design industry into a circular economy through the ECONYL® Regeneration System, an innovative process that creates nylon from waste. Founded in 1965, Aquafil is one of the main producers of nylon in Italy and worldwide. The Group has a presence in eight countries on three continents with 19 plants employing more than 2,800 people in Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Thailand, China and Japan.

What are Aquafil's core business areas?

The Aquafil Group consists of three key business divisions.

- Production of yarns for carpeting sector
- Production of yarns for apparel sector
- Energy and Recycling - i.e. green energy, recycling and development of recycled products; spreading the culture of sustainability both internally and externally