



BACK TO THE FLOOR
RECYCLING PROGRAM

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we create better environments



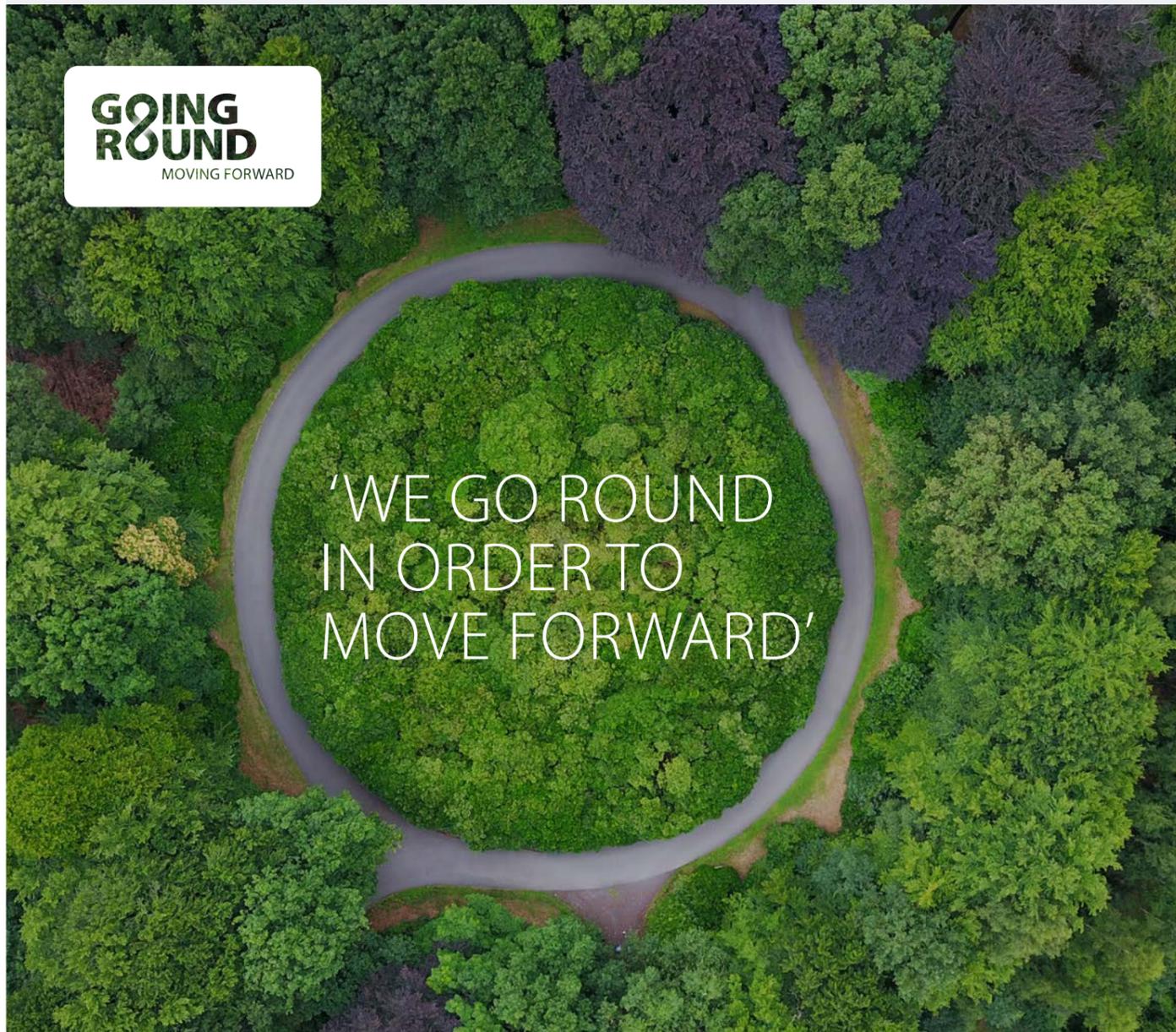
FLOORING SYSTEMS



Our Back to the Floor program

At Forbo Flooring Systems, it is action that is important, not just promises. We want to be a trusted partner by providing full transparency when it comes to circular flooring solutions and renewable raw materials. It is about the things we do, not just about the things we promise. We aim to create products that are circular by design, with a responsible use of resources.

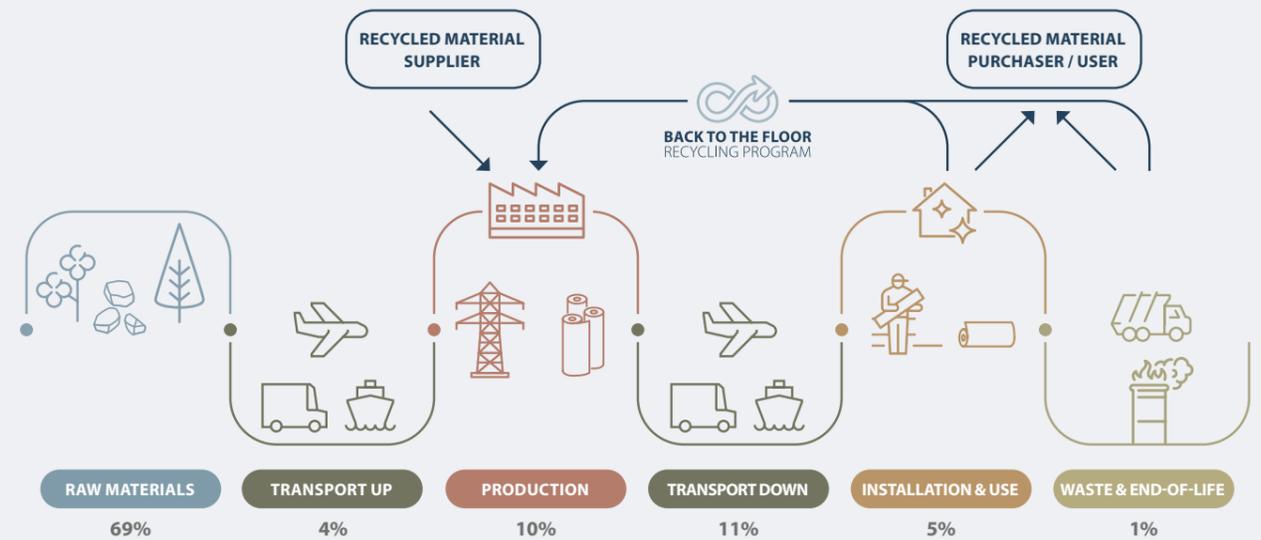
We take guidance in this program by following EN 17861:2023



The reality about recycling and circularity

We are fully focused on closing the loop and making sure that responsibility for our products does not stop the moment the material leaves the factory. This is where our Back to the Floor program fits within Forbo Flooring Systems' Sustainability Strategy 2030. Following our circularity model, we embed circular principles in all stages of the product's life cycle. This involves reusing factory waste, taking back post-consumer waste like installation cut-offs and even, when possible, old floors. Take-back programs involve different steps and costs. After collection, the material needs to be transported, sorted and processed before reaching the circular solution it will be involved in. We want to do it right and in a transparent way, ensuring that the flooring residues do not end up in landfill. We aim to retain the highest circular value, preferring remanufacturing, recycling and repurposing solutions over energy recovery from incineration. In the current situation where rules and regulations differ per market, there is not one solution. We have to work together to find the best solution.

Percentage of total CO₂ emissions of Forbo Flooring Systems from cradle to end-of-life.



Data: 2025

With our take-back program for all our product categories we bring down CO₂ emissions in both the raw material extraction and at end-of-life.

OUR TARGETS 2030



*applies to all our production sites

WHAT WE'RE DOING TOWARDS CIRCULAR FLOORING

- Recycle production waste
- Taking back flooring material for reusing and recycling
- Increasing recycled content in our floors
- Designing loose lay floors to make circular solutions easier
- Always using safe and where possible renewable raw materials



Only clean material is suitable for recycling:

- Keep all types of flooring separate
- Only Forbo Flooring material may be collected material from other suppliers cannot be recycled
- Material must be kept dry



Taking back post-installation material

This is the process

We guide you in every step.

We are in this together and we will be guiding you along the way. We will partner with you to take back your waste material. We want to keep the material at the highest possible value, and give it a new life by reintroducing it into one of our circular solutions, for instance by creating new floors out of it.



Contact Customer Service, we will inform you about possibilities, terms and conditions.



You'll receive a **container/big bag** for the material within a week.



Avoid contamination. We care about the health and safety of our people, make sure there are no items like cutting knives or toxic products in the bag.



Container or big bag full? Contact Customer Service, we'll arrange pick-up.



Taking back end-of-life material

Working together towards the best solution

We want to discuss the options.

We need to **identify the product** and the type of building where it has been installed. We have to judge the conditions to be able to define whether it is suitable for recycling and reuse.

There are costs involved in taking back the floor. Based on the project and our joint efforts we can define the cost for **your circular project**.

We have pilot projects where end-of-life material has been successfully repurposed into a new floor meeting all our quality standards.

Let us work together to take care of the generations to come.



Project type

Based on the size of the project we need to define the procedure. In short there are two options.



SMALL PROJECTS

- Request the big bags or containers at our customer service department and indicate when they are ready to be picked up



LARGE PROJECTS

- Project meeting about how to run the job and the costs involved
- Check of the floors at the job
- Explanation at the start about the removing and sorting of the material
- Logistic agreements to ensure efficiency.



New Marmoleum made with end-of-life material.

What do we do with it? Marmoleum recycling process

STEP 1



Production waste and obsolete stock



Installation residues and end-of-life material



The material is sorted and contamination removed



STEP 2



Marmoleum is crushed into flakes



Grind further



STEP 3



Crushed to powder

The grinded waste is crushed to powder and can be used as raw material for new Marmoleum floors.



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What do we do with it?

Vinyl recycling process

STEP 1



Production waste and obsolete stock



Installation waste from projects



The material is sorted and contamination removed.



STEP 2



Grinding



Immediate reuse

First the material is being grinded and afterwards further crushed. Sometimes it can be used immediately in the backing of our LVT's and project vinyl



STEP 3



New raw material

In other cases raw materials need to be added before recycling in our floors.



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What do we do with it?

Textile recycling process

STEP 1



Production waste and obsolete stock



Edge trims from carpet tile production



Yarns cone ends

Different products require different processes



STEP 2



Grinding



Ready for recycling at supplier or external recycling usage.

Our Flotex waste is fully used in the backing of our tile products. Tessera edge trims are recycled in other external products and Coral yarn go back to the supplier to recycle for new yarns.



STEP 3



Raw material for backing in our Flotex tile products.

Recycled parts are visible in the Flotex tile backing.



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Results

Flooring recycling contributes to a lower CO₂ emission by avoiding the use of virgin raw materials. [Read our sustainability report.](#)



Our Back to the Floor programs are currently offered in 14 countries.



902 t flooring and packaging material taken back in 2025.



Increased the amount of collected post-consumer waste by 3.6 times compared to the 2023 base year.



70% of the post-consumer waste collected in 2025 was recycled either internally or externally.

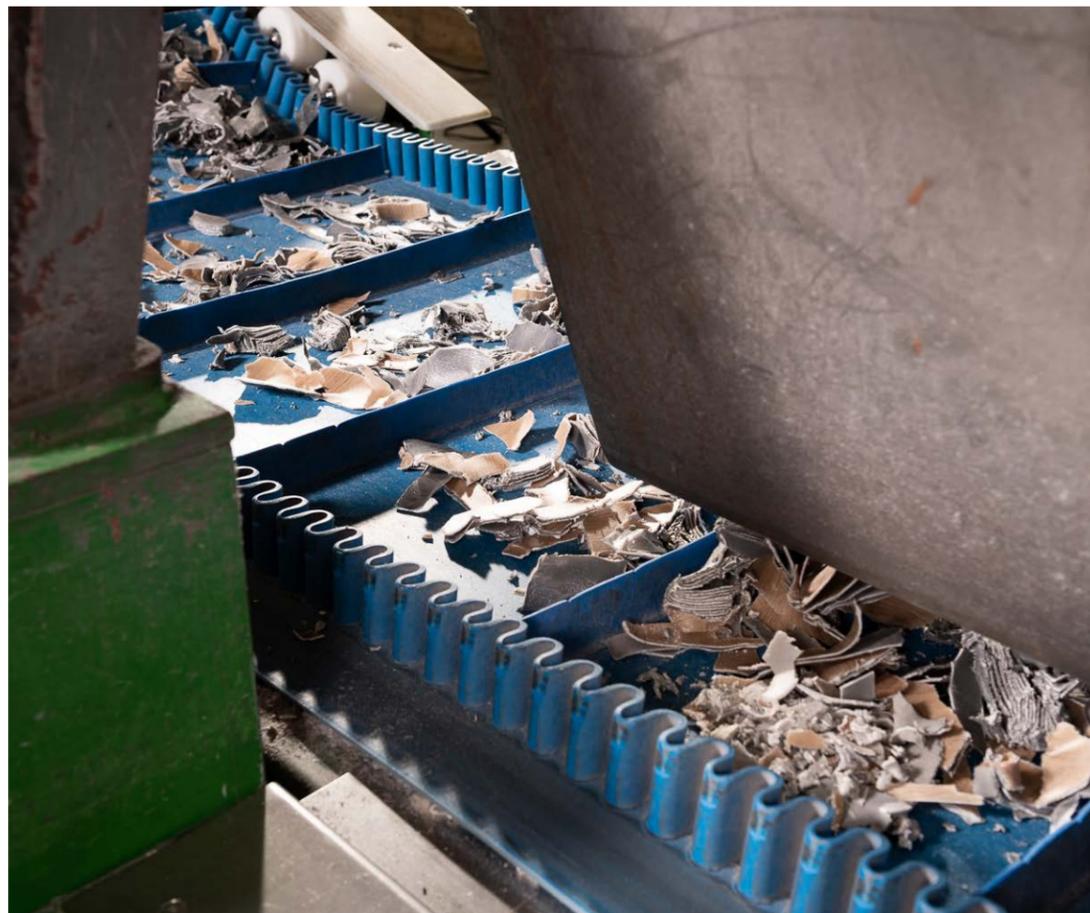


Reduction of 6% in Scope 1 & 2 and 3% in Scope 3 of greenhouse gas emissions compared to the baseline 2023.



902,000 kg

FLOORING AND PACKAGING COLLECTED IN 2025



Forbo Flooring Systems issues certificates for circular projects



Name End user / installer:



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Flooring unlimited

PLEASE LOOK DOWN THE FLOORING IS CIRCULAR

8000 m²
flooring installed

30%
recycling content

850 kg
recycling during installation

CIRCULAR READY FLOORING

Building:
Government building

Address:
No name street - Anytown

Flooring type:
Marmoleum - Vinyl - Textiles

Issued by: (name)
John Doe

Issued by: (signature)
xxx

Date:
02-02-2020

Certification number:
123456

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