



## The Armstrong Ceiling Recycling Programme

### Gaining ground by reducing waste

There aren't many opportunities to make a meaningful difference. Sometimes it's the little things, multiplied by the efforts of many, which make the biggest impact.

That's the idea behind our UK Ceiling Recycling Programme. By working together we can help preserve our natural resources and reduce environmental impact.

### Don't waste an opportunity

Recycling can be as good for you as it is for the environment. It reduces waste, saves money and is a smart alternative to our dwindling landfill capacity in the UK. With our UK Ceiling Recycling Programme, you will save money by eliminating rising landfill fees and taxes, along with the cost of skips and transportation.

We'll come out to your site, free of charge, utilising our existing transport network to take back the old ceiling tiles that meet our recycling programme requirements.

Armstrong ceilings already make extensive use of recycled material, and because 100% of these recycled tiles can be used within our process, we can provide new ceilings with even higher post-consumer recycled content.

### Rethinking Recycling

We've made our end of life recycling programme as easy and as accessible as possible.

You take down your old Armstrong ceiling tiles, stack them safely on pallets and we recover them, free of charge, to make new Armstrong ceiling tiles.

Our recycling programme was originally launched in 2003, expanded in 2005, and in 2009 we have further...

 **reduced the minimum quantity by 33%**

 **increased the number of items in the programme by 600%**

This means that over **98%** of all Armstrong ceiling tiles and **100%** of Armstrong ceiling grid sold in the UK can now be recycled by either our UK Ceiling Recycling Programme, or as part of existing recycling waste streams and project site waste management plans.

There are of course some rules that need to be adhered to in order to comply with our environmental and quality process controls, and to ensure that the act of recycling is not having a detrimental effect on the environment. These can be found on the reverse of this page.

If you have any further questions relating to our UK Ceilings Recycling Programme, contact our Internal Technical Sales team...

 0800 371 849 (UK) 1800 409002 (RoI)

 [sales-support@armstrong.com](mailto:sales-support@armstrong.com)

# Recycling Requirements...

You must have at least 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of acceptable tiles – this is the minimum quantity we can sustainably recycle. This equates to approximately 5,500 ceiling tiles (600x600).

You must be prepared to coordinate the removal, safe stacking, storage and loading of the tiles that are to be recycled.

## Acceptable Ceiling Tiles

The ceiling tiles must be...

- ♻️ Armstrong branded pulpable mineral fibre tiles (Contact Armstrong Internal Technical Sales for a list of qualifying tile names and item numbers)
- ♻️ Manufactured on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 (Armstrong tiles have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the tiles)

## Packing tiles for shipment

- ♻️ Material must be clean and dry and in the acceptable category above
- ♻️ Material must be stacked tidily and in a safe manner on 1200x1200 wooden pallets
- ♻️ All tiles should be stacked squarely on the pallet to maximise stability during transport
- ♻️ Pallets should not be stacked more than 2 metres high
- ♻️ Pallets must be secured using stretch wrapping or tape bands
- ♻️ Pallets should be loaded safely onto transport to achieve maximum utilisation and minimise transport costs
- ♻️ Sufficient space is necessary on site for the safe loading of a 40ft curtain sided lorry
- ♻️ Special loading or removal circumstances should be discuss with your Armstrong contact or through the helpline: 0800 371849

## Non-Acceptable Ceiling Tiles

- ♻️ Metal tiles or wood based tiles
- ♻️ Vinyl, metal foil or fabric faced/backed tiles
- ♻️ Ceiling tiles with site applied paint coating (i.e. not applied during manufacture by Armstrong)
- ♻️ Ceiling tiles installed below friable asbestos or contaminated with any hazardous material

## General

- ♻️ No products that are wet or cannot be transported in a safe manner
- ♻️ No wood, metal, plastic or builders debris is acceptable
- ♻️ No product contaminated with any hazardous material or requiring special handling or disposal
- ♻️ Projects in Ireland are not automatically included in the UK Recycling Programme, but will be considered on a project by project basis



Armstrong's  
Ceiling Recycling  
Programme in  
**3 simple steps**

### 1) Provide your Armstrong contact or our recycling helpline with...

- The name of the project and the location along with appropriate site contact details
- Estimated m<sup>2</sup> to be recycled and estimated date for material collection
- Identification or description of the ceiling tiles and the date they were manufactured
- Date ceiling tiles need to be removed

### 2) Armstrong in conjunction with appropriate site contact will arrange inspection to confirm acceptability

- Material inspection by Armstrong
- Signing of agreement (that you agree to our 'recycling requirements' above)

3) If material is acceptable and you have agreed to our requirements, then once steps 1 and 2 have been completed a minimum of 48 hours notice is needed to ensure we can arrange the best transport details, with minimal environmental impact. **Armstrong will coordinate with the site contact and make the appropriate transport arrangements.**