When a wood pallet is collected for recycling, it is taken to a pallet recycling business where it can be reused as a pallet or made into a completely different product. There are more than 70 businesses in N.C. that recycle wood pallets.

Collect

N.C. wood pallet recycling companies carefully inspect recovered pallets and determine whether a pallet is reused, repaired or recycled. Pallets in excellent condition are resold. Some pallets require minor repairs before sold as a reconditioned pallet. Reconditioned and used pallets are sold to industry at a cheaper cost than newly-manufactured pallets. Pallets not able to be reused are ground into small uniform pieces. The grinders used to process pallets also have large magnets that extract nails, which are also recycled.

Process

Ground pallets can be made into playground mulch or biofuel that is sold throughout the Carolinas and beyond.

Buy-Recycled