



## Midland Company Builds Roadways with Recycled Roofs

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A company in Midland is working to make the world a little greener, by recycling roofs.

Recom Resource Recovery takes old shingles and turns them into asphalt to pave roadways.

Although it's not approved to pave city streets, they're getting ready to put a roof on one county road.

After several severe hailstorms hit the Permian Basin over the years, local landfills are piling up with old shingles.



"Those are buried and they're in our earth forever, and it costs the taxpayers millions of dollars to open up a new landfill."

But at Recom Resource Recovery, every part of an old roof is recycled, from the shingles themselves, to the nails and tin.

"By recycling this product, we're able to save that space out there, and then create a good product that homeowners and businesses in our community can use."

The shingles are dropped into a massive grinder, which breaks them down into tiny pieces. From there, they mix it with rocks, and top it off with seal-coating to bond all the materials together. The final product is as solid as any roadway out there.

The new idea has already gained popularity in Midland.

"We do see a lot of material come in. On your average day, we could see 100 to 200 tons a day."

And to show off their new product, they plan to pave South Midland Drive between Industrial and Interstate 20.

"There's a lot of talks that need to take place in order for that to happen, but we already have our first order for 1,500 tons, and then of course, we're going to be putting in a nice parking lot at our facility as well."

They hope their product can save some space in the landfill, and even help to stop illegal dumping.

"I can't think of a reason in the world why you would want to put it in the landfill as opposed to recycling it. I can't think of one. I honestly can't."

The Texas Department of Transportation has not approved recycled asphalt to pave major highways. But in recent years, several other states in the country are currently on board.