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Celebrate Compost Awareness Week with Free Compost

SAN CARLOS, CA – Across the United States and Canada, composting advocates will be encouraging everyone to compost. Therefore, RethinkWaste.org and Allied Waste are teaming up with its member communities to give away compost on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The compost is made from yard trimmings collected at the curb from communities every other week, and composted at a nearby composting facility. Residents in the communities listed below may take up to 1 cubic yard of compost (about six full garbage cans) at no charge at select locations as long as supply lasts. Bring shovels, gloves, containers, and proof of residency.

- Atherton: Holbrook-Palmer Park - 150 Watkins Ave, 8 am – 5 pm
- Burlingame: Burlingame High School Parking Lot, 8 am – 12 pm
- East Palo Alto: Corporation Yard – 2160 Euclid Ave, 8 am – 12 pm
- Fair Oaks: Flood Park – 215 Bay Rd, 8 am – 12 pm
- Foster City: Boat Park - West Corner, 8 am – 5 pm
- Hillsborough: Parking lot at Floribunda Ave & Walnut Ave, 9 am – 12 pm
- Menlo Park: Bayfront Park Entrance, 9 am – 5 pm
- Redwood City: Corporation Yard - 1400 Broadway, 8 am – 12 pm
- San Carlos: Highlands Park - Melendy Drive & Aberdeen Dr, 8 am – 12 pm
- San Mateo: Anchor Rd at 3rd Ave, 8 am – 12 pm

Compost is the result of nature decomposing organic materials into a dark, nutrient-rich soil, which is ideally used as an amendment to enrich soil for lawns, gardens, ornamental plants, trees, and potted plants. Since organic materials represent up to 70% of materials landfilled each year, composting has proven an effective form of utilizing this resource. Community sustainability is enhanced by promoting the use of renewable resources in landscaping instead of chemical fertilizers.

Backyard and worm composting are additional options. Free home composting workshops and reduced-priced bins are available through RecycleWorks, a program of the County of San Mateo.

About RethinkWaste.org: The South Bayside Waste Management Authority/RethinkWaste.org is a regional agency, formed in 1982 to help local communities manage and reduce waste. To learn more about SBWMA/RethinkWaste, see RethinkWaste.org.

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