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Foster City Residents Get Free Compost

SAN CARLOS, CA – It's springtime, and that means more free compost for residents. RethinkWaste.org and Allied Waste have been teaming up with member communities to give away compost, and Foster City has another give-away event on Saturday, May 19, 2007. A similar event was held in April. The compost is made from local yard trimmings collected every other week at the curb and composted at a nearby composting facility. Residents of Foster City may take up to 1 cubic yard of compost (about six full garbage cans) at no charge as long as supplies last. Bring shovels, gloves, containers, and proof of residency. Help recycle this material back into the Earth.

- Foster City: Boat Park - Foster City Blvd & Bounty, 8 am – 5 pm

Compost is the result of nature decomposing organic materials into a dark, nutrient-rich soil. The compost is ideally used as an amendment to enrich soil for lawns, gardens, ornamental plants, trees, and potted plants. By applying compost to landscaping and mixing it with soil, people put organic resources into the soil, providing a non-chemical alternative to fertilizers.

Not only is curbside yard trimming collection available to residents for large-scale composting, but 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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