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**LOWER MATTRESS DISPOSAL RATES SET AT SHOREWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**  
*Lower Rate Set to Entice Public from Dumping Mattresses Illegally*

**SAN CARLOS, CA - June 12, 2013** – RethinkWaste has lowered the mattress disposal rate for the public to bring their mattresses and box springs to its Transfer Station at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos. The rate has been reduced from \$19 to \$14 each for any size mattress or box spring to try to assist local communities who have been challenged with an increase in illegal dumping issues, which includes mattresses. The hope is that the lower price may make it more economical for residents to bring their old mattresses to Shoreway instead of dumping them on the street or other public area.

“We hope lowering the rate will help bring more mattresses to our facility and thus reduce volumes illegally dumped,” remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste.

In addition to mattresses, the public can bring other items for proper disposal and recycling at the Transfer Station, including garbage, clean construction and demolition debris, clean yard waste and wood, appliances, and furniture. Rates vary based on the item that is brought to the facility.

Shoreway also houses a Public Recycling Center for the free drop off various items for recycling and reuse, and also includes a Buy-Back area for California Redemption Value bottles and cans. The center is open to the general public, including businesses, for buy-back items and drop off items, but some limitations apply to universal waste items such as batteries and fluorescent tubes. The following is the list of items that are accepted for free at the Public Recycling Center:

- Cardboard\*
- Mixed paper
- Glass
- Cans
- Plastic containers #1-7
- Used motor oil filters
- Used motor oil (up to 15 gallons)
- Hard and soft cover books
- Scrap metal
- Used motor antifreeze (up to 10 gallons)
- Latex paint (up to 10 gallons)
- Electronics (computers, TVs, cell phones, etc.)
- Household and car batteries
- Sharps (must be in authorized sharps container)
- Cooking oil (residential only up to 15 gallons)
- Clothing
- Working household goods
- Fluorescent light tubes (household only, 6 tubes per visit, must be less than 6ft)
- Plastic bags

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\*There is also a purchase program for clean cardboard from customers with large volumes. A minimum of 300 pounds of clean cardboard is required for payment.

The Transfer Station is open Mondays through Fridays from 6 am to 6 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 am to 5 pm. The Public Recycling Center is open Mondays through Saturdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Both the Transfer Station and Public Recycling Center can be accessed through Gate 1 at Shoreway, located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos.

Please visit [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org) or [www.SBrecycling.net](http://www.SBrecycling.net) for more information on the Shoreway Environmental Center.

### RethinkWaste

Rethink Waste is a joint powers authority of twelve public Agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County, California and is a leader in the delivery of innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste owns and manages the Shoreway Environmental Center which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and materials (i.e. solid waste) collected in its service area. RethinkWaste also provides strategic oversight, support and management of service providers that collect, process, recycle and dispose of materials for its Member Agencies. RethinkWaste (i.e., South Bayside Waste Management Authority) was formed in 1982. For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org) or follow us at [www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste](http://www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste) or [www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste](http://www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste).

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