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CHANGES TO ASSIGNED GARBAGE CART SIZE RESPONSES DUE JULY 9
Residents Must Respond Only if They Would Like a Different Garbage Cart Size

SAN CARLOS, CA - July 5, 2010 - Residents living in single-family homes in the RethinkWaste service have until this Friday, July 9, to change their Garbage Cart size if they would like to do so. Residents in most of RethinkWaste's service area received a Garbage Cart Selection Brochure over a three-week period in June letting them know what their current garbage service level is and what size Garbage Cart had been assigned to them based on that service level. Responses are only needed if they would like to receive a different size cart than the one assigned to them.

Residents can change their Garbage Cart size by completing and returning the detachable postcard included in the brochure, online at www.RecologySanMateoCounty.com or by calling (650) 595-3900.

The brochure also includes basic information on the new weekly Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services, called the "CartSMART" program, that will be rolled out to RethinkWaste's 12 Member Agencies starting later this summer. Through CartSMART, residents will receive new wheeled carts for their Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services, with the exception of the Town of Hillsborough whose residents will continue to use their existing Yard Trimmings Carts in lieu of getting new ones.

The new CartSMART program is designed to make recycling simpler, smarter and greener by introducing single stream recycling, where residents can mix all of their recyclables, including paper, bottles and cans, in on new blue cart, instead of separating into the existing recycle tubs. In addition, residents will also be able to add food scraps and food- and beverage-soiled paper products to their yard trimmings. CartSMART will also make both the Recycle and Compost collection services weekly. Currently these services are offered every other week.

The carts will be delivered August 30 through December 18, 2010 by Recology San Mateo County, the company who will take over collection services on January 1, 2011 from Allied Waste of San Mateo County whose contract expires December 31, 2010. Residents can begin using their new carts immediately, however they will not have the food scraps and weekly Recycle and Compost collection

services until next January. San Carlos residents who currently have food scraps services and weekly Compost collection will continue to do so.

Visit www.RethinkWaste.org or www.RecologySanMateoCounty.com for more information on CartSMART.

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Formed in 1982, RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority comprised of 12 Member 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 and is a leader in implementing innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste also owns and manages the Shoreway facility in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a recycling processing facility. The Agency's legal name is the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA.) For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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