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Mattresses Accepted for Recycling at the San Carlos Transfer Station

SAN CARLOS, CA – The San Carlos Transfer Station now accepts old mattresses and box springs for recycling. Additionally, old futons and couch cushions are accepted. These bulky items can fill up a landfill fast. In 2003, over 5,000 mattresses were sent to the Ox Mountain landfill from cities in the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) area. This year will be different. SBWMA and BFI recently entered into a contract with a St. Vincent de Paul subsidiary, DR3 in San Leandro, to take mattresses and either recycle them or sell them to others for reconditioning. One truckload leaves the San Carlos facility every week. About one-third of the mattresses are good enough to be sent to companies, such as Estate Corporation in Oakland, to be made into new mattresses. Those mattresses not suitable for reconditioning still contain recyclable materials, from foam and metals to wood fiber and textiles.

The San Carlos Transfer Station is located at 225 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, just north of the Holly St exit off Highway 101. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The fee for each mattress brought to the Transfer Station is \$14.00. Cash only. There is no limit to the number of mattresses you can bring in, although BFI does ask that you let them know before hauling in a large number. Badly soiled or water-logged mattresses are not acceptable for recycling or reconditioning; however, they can be disposed of at the Transfer Station as garbage and not recycled.

About BFI: BFI Waste Services of San Mateo County, an Allied Waste company, is the operating company of the San Carlos Transfer Station and Recycling Center (TSRC). To learn more about the materials accepted at the TSRC, visit the BFI Web site at www.bfipeninsula.com or call 650.592.2411.

About SBWMA/RethinkWaste: The South Bayside Waste Management Authority/RethinkWaste is a regional agency, formed in 1982 to help local communities manage and reduce waste. The SBWMA is the owner of the San Carlos Transfer Station and Recycling Center (TSRC).

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