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Prepare Your Garden for Fall with Free Compost

SAN CARLOS, CA – Fall is a great season to feed your plants naturally with compost. Due to overwhelming support by residents, RethinkWaste and Allied Waste/BFI are teaming up again with its member communities to give away compost on Saturday, October 1, 2005. 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 of Atherton, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Fair Oaks, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, and San Mateo 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, and containers.

- 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 – 150 Tara St, 8 am – 12 pm
- Fair Oaks: Flood Park – 215 Bay Rd, 8 am – 12 pm
- Foster City: Civic Center Drive - South of City Hall, 8 am – 2 pm
- Hillsborough: Parking lot at Floribunda Ave & Walnut Ave, 9 am – 12 pm
- Menlo Park: Bayfront Park Entrance at Marsh Road, 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. 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 composting is another option. Free home composting workshops and reduced-priced bins are available through RecycleWorks, a program of the County of San Mateo.

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. To learn more about SBWMA/RethinkWaste, see RethinkWaste.org.

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