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Jack-O-Lanterns to Compost: Recycle your Halloween Pumpkins

SAN CARLOS, CA – October 18, 2006 – Allied Waste and the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) are pleased to announce that you can put your old pumpkins in the yard trimmings cart for composting with your grass and leaves. Simply take your pumpkin, remove any decorations and candles, and place in your green yard trimmings cart. The pumpkins, and your yard trimmings, will be collected and taken to Allied Waste's Newby Island compost facility in Milpitas for processing. This compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment, is shared with residents in the seasonal Compost Giveaways in SBWMA communities, and also sold to landscapers and farmers.

“We thought this would be a fun way to make Halloween not just about buying candy, spooky costumes and parties, but also an environmentally friendly event too,” remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of the SBWMA.

So please join us in recycling your pumpkin and making recycling part of your holiday habits.

Formed in 1982, the SBWMA is a joint powers authority of twelve member agencies in San Mateo County and is a leader in innovative recycling and waste-reduction programs. Currently, Allied Waste of San Mateo County provides collection services for 91,000 residences and nearly

10,000 businesses. The SBWMA also owns and manages the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center (RDC) consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a materials recovery facility. Allied Waste provides operations services. To learn more about the SBWMA please visit our web site at www.RethinkWaste.org.

Allied Waste is a leader in the solid waste industry, operating collection companies, transfer stations, landfills and recycling facilities across the country. Serving more than 10 million residential, commercial and industrial customers across 128 major markets in 37 states and Puerto Rico. Allied Waste recycles approximately 1.7 million tons of recyclable commodities a year, including paper, glass and plastics and reusable construction debris.