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NEW ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF FOR FREE AT SHOREWAY'S PUBLIC RECYCLING CENTER IN HONOR OF AMERICA RECYCLES DAY
Clothing, Household Goods Among List of New Materials Accepted

SAN CARLOS, CA - November 15, 2011 – In honor of America Recycles Day, RethinkWaste and South Bay Recycling (SBR), are pleased to announce the acceptance of new items for free drop off at the Shoreway Environmental Center's Public Recycling Center in San Carlos. The list of newly accepted items include used clothing, hard and soft cover books, working household goods (dishes/utensils, pots/pans, kids toys and games, lamps, fans, etc.), car batteries, and scrap metal.

SBR, which operates the Shoreway facility on behalf of RethinkWaste, has partnered with St. Vincent De Paul to collect the reusable clothing, books and household goods for their programs. The goal is to reuse or recycle as much of the items brought to the Public Recycling Center as possible.

"The Public Recycling Center at Shoreway is the go to place for residents and small businesses to recycle a wide variety of items and do so in a convenient, freeway accessible location," remarked Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste. "With the opening of this new center last spring we encourage residents who experienced the old center's traffic and congestion issues to come back now and give the new center a try."

The Public Recycling Center also accepts a number of other items 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 some 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 will continue to be accepted for free at the Public Recycling Center, in addition to the new items mentioned earlier:

- Cardboard
- Mixed paper
- Glass
- Cans
- Plastic containers
- Used motor oil filters
- Used motor oil (up to 15 gallons)
- Used motor antifreeze (up to 10 gallons)
- Latex paint (up to 10 gallons)
- Electronics (computers, TVs, cell phones, etc.)
- Household batteries
- Sharps (must be in authorized sharps container)
- Cooking oil (residential only up to 15 gallons)
- Fluorescent light tubes (household only, 6 tubes per visit, must be less than 6ft)

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America Recycles Day, held annually on November 15th, is the only nationally recognized day and community-driven national awareness event dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Many communities hold local events throughout the country to celebrate and educate the public on recycling programs on or around this day.

The added items at the Public Recycling Center is the latest in an ongoing effort by RethinkWaste and its contractors to provide as many opportunities as possible to keep materials out of the landfill. The Public Recycling Center is open Mondays through Saturdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, and can be accessed through Gate 1 at Shoreway, located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Please visit www.RethinkWaste.org/shoreway-facility or www.SBrecycling.net for more information on the Public Recycling Center and the Shoreway Environmental Center.

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