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**"AT YOUR DOOR"
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
PROGRAM TO END IN THE RETHINKWASTE SERVICE AREA
ON DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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The Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program operated by Waste Management's At Your Door Special Collection is ending December 31, 2016 for all residents in the RethinkWaste service area. The RethinkWaste service area includes the Towns of Atherton and Hillsborough, and the Cities of Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos and San Mateo, San Mateo County and the West Bay Sanitary District.

On November 17, 2016, the SBWMA Board of Directors declined to accept the proposed new 5-year pricing presented by Waste Management for its At-Your-Door Special Collection Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Service that currently exists in the entire SBWMA service area.

Waste Management and RethinkWaste staff negotiated in good faith to extend the current contract for an additional five years, however, the main reasons why this residential program's contract was not renewed are:

- The annual price would double by the end of the 5-year extension (from about \$140 per pick up to almost \$300 per pick up) ;
- Annual program participation rates were less than six percent; and
- San Mateo County has an existing HHW collection drop-off program, which residents can participate in at any time.

Residents can still schedule an At Your Door curbside pickup appointment before the end of the year, to properly manage items such as paint, solvents, insecticides, cleaning products, fluorescent lamps, laptops, computers monitors, TVs and sharps. The program is available at no additional cost to all residents, including single-family homes, condominiums, townhouses and apartments. Participation is simple:

1. Residents call toll free 800-HHW-PKUP (800-449-7587) or send an email to atyourdoor@wm.com to schedule a collection appointment. **It is recommended that you call by December 9, 2016 to ensure a 2016 appointment.**
2. Receive your collection kit within a few days. The kit contains an instruction sheet, plastic bag for those items that must be bagged, labels and a tie for the bag.
3. Place items near the front door, garage or other area near the front of the home by 7 am on the scheduled day. A collection vehicle will collect the items from the residence on the day of the appointment.

Household Hazardous Waste material can continue to be taken to the San Mateo County HHW collection facility or a temporary collection event if residents are unable to participate in the At Your Door program by December 31. Visit www.smhealth.org/hhw or call (650) 363-4718 (select option 3) to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

For more details on the program, visit www.RethinkWaste.org/hhw.

RethinkWaste

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public 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, California and is a leader in the delivery of innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste owns and manages the award-winning Shoreway Environmental Center which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and materials (i.e. solid waste) collected in its service area. RethinkWaste also provides strategic oversight, support and management of service providers that collect, process, recycle and dispose of materials for its Member Agencies. RethinkWaste (i.e., South Bayside Waste Management Authority) was formed in 1982. For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org or follow us at www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste or www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste.

Waste Management At Your Door

At Your Door Special Collection (formerly known as Curbside, Inc.) was the company contracted by RethinkWaste to provide the HHW Door to Door collection service. The Southern California-based company, a subsidiary of Waste Management, provides door-to-door household hazardous, electronic and universal waste material collection services to over 40 jurisdictions across the country. Materials collected from the RethinkWaste service area are processed at At Your Door's facility in Tracy, California.

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