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**For Immediate Release**

**SHOREWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER RESUMES OPERATION**  
***San Carlos Transfer Station Will Reopen to the Public on Monday, May 4***  
***And Will Follow All Local Health and Safety Precautions***

**SAN CARLOS, CA – May 2, 2020** – RethinkWaste will reopen the Shoreway Environmental Center’s Transfer Station located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos beginning May 4, based on the revised San Mateo County Health Order c19-5c issued on April 29 that is set to take effect May 4.

The Transfer Station will resume regular business hours to receive all regular, non-hazardous waste residential and commercial: solid waste materials, landscaping/organic materials, and construction and demolition materials. In addition, residents of the RethinkWaste service area will also be able to obtain up to two bags of high-quality compost materials for their gardens at no charge.

**Transfer Station regular business hours:** Monday-Friday: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

“We recognize the urgent community need to reopen the facility as residents and businesses reactivate their construction projects, clean out their garages and yards, and lots of other low-risk, allowable activities during this time,” said Joe La Mariana, RethinkWaste Executive Director.

With this opening, RethinkWaste expects a ramp up of visitors and materials and alongside our facility contractor, South Bay Recycling, we are highly committed to ensuring all site employees and visitors stay safe. **All site employees and visitors will be required to use masks and observe all mandated social distancing measures while on site.** All public visitors will be subject to a non-contact, temperature screening test in accordance with the local Health Order. These tests will be administered at the public scale house and visitors who have excessive temperatures will not be allowed access to the facility

While the Shoreway Transfer Station will reopen, the Shoreway Public Recycling Center will remain closed. This facility that accepts residential waste such as excess cardboard, electronic waste, cooking oil, and other materials, has a smaller space that does not allow staff to currently comply with the County’s Health Officer order. When we can safely reopen this part of the facility, we will let the public know.

In the meantime, we encourage members of the public that can hold on to their materials for a longer period of time to do so to allow for those low-risk services that are resuming to be able to use the Shoreway facility appropriately and safely. If you need tips or best practices on what to do with your waste, please visit our website [RethinkWaste.org](http://RethinkWaste.org) and social media channels for information.

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## **About RethinkWaste**

RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority of twelve public agencies in San Mateo County (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, City of San Mateo, parts of unincorporated San Mateo County and the West Bay Sanitary District). We own and manage the 16-acre Shoreway Environmental Center facility, located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, which processes all the collected trash, recyclable and compostable materials. This facility has a \$130 million-dollar annual operating budget, handles and processes almost 500,000 tons of materials annually--more than half are recycled and creates almost 400 jobs for our local community. See [RethinkWaste.org](https://www.RethinkWaste.org) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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