

RETHINKER

FALL/WINTER 2020

Seasons greeting from the RethinkWaste family!
This special Holiday Rethinker Issue is for
residents of multi-family homes.

Questions? Email rethinker@rethinkwaste.org.



The Rethinker newsletter is dedicated to educating residents and businesses regarding waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. With your help, we can meet our goal of diverting waste from the landfill and maintain healthy, livable communities.

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'Tis the Season for Gifting & Receiving

Read our tips to help reduce your holiday waste and make the holidays a little greener.



Get more eco-friendly holiday tips at RethinkWaste.org/holidays



IF GIFTING...

1. **Power up.** Many electronics, toys, and gadgets require batteries. If batteries are not included, consider reusable batteries. They help reduce waste and can save you money too.
2. **Skip the wrapping.** Reuse last year's wrapping paper and gift bags, or choose eco-friendly options: non-metallic gift wrap, kraft or butcher paper, newspaper, scrap sewing material, or a colorful scarf.
3. **Get crafty.** Making gifts can lead to meaningful keepsakes that come with a lighter ecological footprint. Bake cookies, write a poem, make some candles, or construct a memory book with photos to cherish.

IF RECEIVING...

1. **Energize.** As you start receiving and using new gadgets, make sure to properly dispose of your spent household batteries. Check out the other side of this mailer for free and easy ways to do this.
2. **Sort it out.** Make sure you sort your gift wrapping and packaging materials into the correct cart or bin—or better yet—save materials to reuse next year!
3. **Donate.** Making room for your new gifts at home? Think of donating items in good condition that you no longer need instead of trashing them. Visit RethinkWaste.org/ReduceWaste to learn more.

Practice Battery Safety This Holiday!

Batteries power our daily lives. After they have lost their charge, they need to be properly disposed of. Here are your need-to-know battery safety tips:

- 1 NEVER place batteries in the garbage or recycling.**
- 2** Batteries—especially lithium-ion varieties—can be highly flammable! For this reason, remember to **tape your battery terminals with clear tape.**
- 3** Remember to **remove batteries** before donating old toys, or tossing broken toys in the garbage!

Learn more at: RethinkBatteries.org



COLLECT used batteries in any clear zip-top bag and place the sealed bag in the orange battery bucket in your complex.



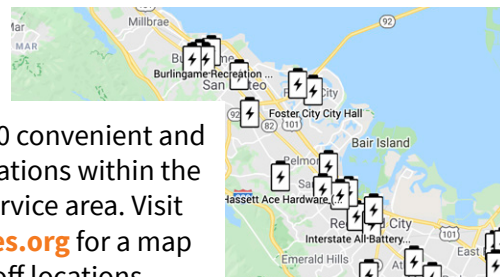
NO BATTERY BUCKET? Contact your Property Manager today and ask them to request a FREE bucket from Recology.

3 OTHER FREE & EASY WAYS TO CORRECTLY DISPOSE OF YOUR USED HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES



The Shoreway Public Recycling Center in San Carlos accepts free drop off of certain items—including household batteries. For location, hours of operation, and a full list of accepted items, visit RethinkWaste.org/PRC.

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There are over 20 convenient and free drop-off locations within the RethinkWaste service area. Visit RethinkBatteries.org for a map of battery drop-off locations.

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Dispose of all your toxic waste (including your batteries) with San Mateo County's Household Hazardous Waste Program. To see a list of accepted items and to schedule an appointment visit smhealth.org/hhw or call (650) 363-4718, select option 3.

Holiday Tree Collection: January 2 - January 31

Holiday tree removal must be scheduled in advance with Recology. Your Property Manager or Owner can call to arrange a pickup on behalf of your entire complex.

- Trees should be placed in a centrally located pile or in an on-site compost container.
- This service is free of charge if scheduled between January 2nd and January 31st.

FOR PROPER TREE COLLECTION PLEASE MAKE SURE TO REMOVE ALL DECORATIONS AND TREE STANDS (FLOCKED TREES ARE ACCEPTED).



PROGRAM INFORMATION:

RethinkWaste is your regional public agency* that owns the 16-acre Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos and manages two major contractors: Recology & South Bay Recycling.
RethinkWaste | (650) 802-3500 | rethinker@rethinkwaste.org | RethinkWaste.org

Questions about your recycle, compost or garbage service? Contact Recology:
Recology San Mateo County | 225 Shoreway Rd, San Carlos | (650) 595-3900 | Recology.com

Questions about the Shoreway Environmental Center, including hours of operation, materials accepted, disposal rates, etc? Contact South Bay Recycling:
South Bay Recycling | 333 Shoreway Rd, San Carlos | (650) 802-8355 | SBRecycling.net

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 - Hillsborough
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 - Redwood City
 - San Carlos
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