BURLINGAME DOOR-TO-DOOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM STARTS FEBRUARY 1

Convenient Program Offered to Residents at No Additional Cost During Pilot Year

SAN CARLOS, CA – January 28, 2013 – The new Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program starts Friday, February 1 for all residents in the City of Burlingame. Through the convenient new collection program, residents follow a simple process to safely and properly manage items such as paint, solvents, insecticides, cleaning products, fluorescent lamps, laptops, computers monitors, TVs and sharps. The program is being offered at no additional cost to residents during the initial pilot year of the program.

“The City of Burlingame is pleased to partner with RethinkWaste to offer Burlingame residents a convenient, safe, and free way to dispose of their household hazardous waste. This new program enhances the City’s ongoing efforts to promote a more sustainable Burlingame,” states Mayor Ann Keighran.

To participate, residents can call 800-HHW-PKUP (800-449-7587) or send an email to atyourdoor@wm.com to schedule a collection appointment with At Your Door Special Collection (formerly known as Curbside, Inc., the company contracted by RethinkWaste to provide the collection service.) At Your Door will then send residents a collection kit through the mail that includes an instruction sheet, plastic bag for those items that must be bagged, labels and a tie for the bag. At Your Door will then send a collection vehicle on the day of the appointment and collect the items from the resident. The items must be prepared following the instructions provided and placed near the front door, garage or other area near the front of the home by 7 am on the scheduled day.

This program is for all residents, including single-family homes, condominiums, townhouses and apartments, in Burlingame. There are no limits on the number of appointments residents can schedule.

Burlingame is the newest RethinkWaste Member Agency offering the program to its residents. The Cities of Belmont, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Menlo Park, San Carlos and San Mateo, the Town of Hillsborough, San Mateo County and the West Bay Sanitary District rolled out the program earlier to their respective communities. Since the program started in May 2010 through December 2012, nearly 360,000 pounds of HHW material, 330,000 pounds of Universal Waste and 170,000 pounds of electronic scrap have been collected through At Your Door.
RethinkWaste awarded At Your Door a contract for the services in October 2009. The Southern California-based company, a subsidiary of Waste Management, provides door-to-door services to over 40 jurisdictions across the country. Materials collected from the RethinkWaste service area are processed at At Your Door’s facility in the East Bay.

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

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Rethink Waste 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 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.

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