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A newsletter dedicated to educating residents and businesses regarding waste reduction, reuse and recycling. With your help, we can achieve our goals of diverting waste from the landfill and maintaining healthy, livable communities.

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At RethinkWaste, we are always focused on how to make it more convenient and fun for our residents to take advantage of all the programs and services we offer – you can call it our mantra. Read on about what we have done to make it more convenient to properly recycle and dispose of your materials and have a little fun as we celebrate Earth Day.



Celebrate Earth Day @Shoreway!

Save the Date! Join us for our 3rd Annual Earth Day@Shoreway Event.

Date: Saturday, April 12

Time: 10 am-2 pm

**Location: Shoreway Environmental Center
333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos**

The event includes fun activities for the whole family with informational booths, arts and crafts, games, tours, free compost and lots more! Everyone who attends will be automatically entered into a raffle. We will also be recognizing our "Trash to Art Contest" winners. Don't forget to also bring your empty bottles and cans to our buy-back center for redemption. RethinkWaste to Make Every Day Earth Day! For more information, visit RethinkWaste.org.



Download the Free "my waste" Mobile App

Did you know we now have a free mobile app for our CartSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services? The "my waste" mobile app makes it more convenient for residents who rely on their smartphones for information to see their service day, access program information, make service requests (such as scheduling a Bulky Item Collection appointment) as well as set reminders, and much more!

The mobile app is available for both the Apple and Android systems. You can download it by scanning the codes or visiting RethinkWaste.org. Download it now and see how much simpler it is to get information!



Available on the **App Store**



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Upcoming Free Community Shred/E-Scrap Recycling Events

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the free Community Shred and Electronic Scrap (E-Scrap) events held annually by RethinkWaste and Recology on behalf of our participating communities. The following events have been scheduled to date. Visit RethinkWaste.org for updates and information.



DATE	COMMUNITY	HOURS	LOCATION	ADDRESS
April 13	San Mateo	9 am-1 pm	Beresford Park Parking Lot	2720 Alameda de las Pulgas
April 26	Belmont	9 am-1 pm	City Hall Parking Lot	1 Twin Pines Lane
May 3	Foster City	9 am-1 pm	City Hall Parking Lot	610 Foster City Blvd.
May 3	Menlo Park	9 am-1 pm	Corporation Yard	333 Burgess Drive
July 30	Foster City (shred only)	2 pm-6 pm	City Hall Parking Lot	610 Foster City Blvd.
Sept. 6	Foster City	9 am-1 pm	City Hall Parking Lot	610 Foster City Blvd.
Oct. 18	San Mateo	9 am-1 pm	Beresford Park Parking Lot	2720 Alameda de las Pulgas
Nov. 1	Menlo Park	9 am-1 pm	Corporation Yard	333 Burgess Drive



Dear Rethinker

Dear rethinker,

I walk my neighborhood regularly and am amazed by what I see dumped in the streets and sidewalks – old mattresses, furniture and appliances. It looks terrible! How can people get rid of this unwanted stuff properly?

— Researching in Redwood City

Dear Researching,

Not only is it illegal to dump unwanted items on the street, it creates blight for neighborhoods and can become a hazard. There is absolutely an easy way to properly get rid of old items, and the best part is, it's at **NO ADDITIONAL COST** to residents! Through Recology's On-Call Bulky Item Collection service, each household is entitled to two collections annually at no additional cost. This service is great for large items such as appliances, old mattresses or worn sofas, as well as electronics. There is also a program for multi-family complexes like apartments, townhomes and condominiums.

Limits apply. Visit www.RecologySanMateoCounty.com for more information and great ideas for donating the items before you decide to toss them.

If you have a question for the rethinker, please send it to: rethinker@RethinkWaste.org

Announcements

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26

No change to CartSMART collection services by Recology. Set your carts out for collection as usual. Recology's administrative offices will be closed.

The Shoreway Environmental Center will be open.

Information & Resources:



The regional public agency that helps local communities reduce waste through innovative programs and partnerships and by managing service contracts.

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For questions about your bill and the CartSMART program:

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For questions about the Shoreway Environmental Center:

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