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A quarterly 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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Introducing the New Shoreway Environmental Center!



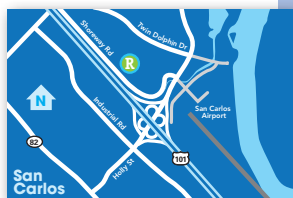
Last year was a very busy year, with the roll out of the new CartSMART and BizSMART Recycle, Compost and Garbage collection services. Just as exciting was the transformation of the old and outdated Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center in San Carlos into the new, state-of-the-art Shoreway Environmental Center! Shoreway is centrally located in the RethinkWaste service area, making it a convenient one-stop shop for all your recycling and disposal needs.

Read on to learn more about all of the exciting things happening at the facility.

About Shoreway

RethinkWaste, a public agency, owns the Shoreway Environmental Center, which receives all of the residential and commercial recyclables, yard trimmings, food scraps and garbage collected in the service area by Recology San Mateo County, your franchised service provider. The facility is operated by South Bay Recycling (SBR) on the agency's behalf.

Shoreway has several buildings, including a Transfer Station, Materials Recovery Facility (where all of the recyclables are processed,) Public Recycling Center, Environmental Education Center, Recology's offices and SBR's offices.



Shoreway is located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Access to all of the areas is through Gate 1.

Public Recycling Center:

The Public Recycling Center offers the buyback of recyclables for their California Redemption Value, and free drop off for all recyclables as well as the following items:

- Used clothing
- Electronics
- Scrap metal
- Used motor oil (up to 15 gallons)
- Used motor antifreeze (up to 10 gallons)
- Used motor oil filters
- Latex paint ONLY (up to 10 gallons)
- Cell phones
- CFLs
- Fluorescent lighting tubes (household only, up to 6 tubes, must be less than 6 feet)
- Household batteries
- Car batteries
- Household goods in working condition
- Hard and soft cover books
- Cooking oil (home generated only, up to 15 gallons)
- Sharps

Public Hours of Operation
Public Recycling Center
Mon-Sat: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Transfer Station
Mon-Fri: 6 am – 6 pm
Sat-Sun: 8 am – 5 pm

Transfer Station:

The Transfer Station is open to the public and accepts household and business solid waste (garbage), clean green waste and wood, appliances, auto and truck tires, concrete and asphalt and like materials, clean fill dirt, mixed demolition debris, and other non-hazardous materials and items.

Rates are charged by the cubic yardage, by ton or per unit. Visit the RethinkWaste website at www.rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-facility/services-and-rates for a complete list of accepted items and rates.



Shoreway Public Open House Days

RethinkWaste is holding Public Open House Days for community groups and the general public to tour Shoreway. They are held the third Thursday of each month, from 9:30 am to 12 pm. Reservations are recommended.

Visit <http://www.rethinkwaste.org/shoreway-facility/environmental-education-center> for more information on the School Groups Tours or the Public Open House Days, or send an email to tours@RethinkWaste.org.

Environmental Education Center – Free Tours!

RethinkWaste is now offering **free** tours of Shoreway for schools and the general public! This includes providing bus transportation for 4th through 6th grade classes for both public and privates schools in the RethinkWaste service area. Students will learn about the 4Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle and rot) and resource conservation, and learn firsthand what happens to garbage, recyclables, yard trimmings and food scraps

once they are picked up from homes and businesses.

The approximately two-hour tour includes visiting the Transfer Station, MRF, Environmental Education Center, which has museum-quality exhibits, reuse art, a talking robot and more! There are also hands-on activities and pre- and post-tour lessons.



Free tours will be offered to other grades, as well as schools outside of the RethinkWaste service area, however busing assistance is not available for these tours. All tours are available on first-come, first served basis.



Ask Mario



Announcements

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 20, 2012

No change to CartSMART collection services by Recology. Set your carts out for collection as usual. The Shoreway Environmental Center will also be open regular hours.

RecycleWorks Academy: Spring Course Offerings

This spring, the County of San Mateo's RecycleWorks program will be expanding its educational course offerings to include sessions on Sustainable Gardening, Master Composting program certifications and the Four "R"s (reduce, reuse, recycle and rot). Other courses will follow.

If you are interested in participating in any of the spring sessions, please contact program coordinator Jacqueline Rosine at jrosine@co.sanmateo.ca.us or (650) 599-1498, and stay tuned to their website at (www.recycleworks.org) for further program details.

Dear Mario,

Are there instructions on when to set our carts out for pick up or put them away? It seems that some folks set them out way before our collection day, or don't take them back in after, and I've forgotten what I'm supposed to do.

-Forgetful in Foster City

Dear Forgetful,

Carts must be out by 6 am on your collection day, and may be set out the night before. Please do not set them out days ahead and remember to put your carts away once they have been serviced. Many of the communities in the RethinkWaste service area have ordinances requiring residents to put the carts away and out of sight, or you may face fines.

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

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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