

RETHINKER

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Your actions matter. Be a good sort and a great recycler. This includes participating in organics recycling. This edition's Rethinker includes tips that we hope will inspire you to be an active composter!

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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Did you know that when you use your green cart, it decreases methane gas production in landfills? Every time you compost your food scraps and soiled paper products, you are helping fight climate change! Follow these helpful and easy tips for success:

1. **Compost ALL food scraps.** This includes fruit and vegetable peels, skins, and pits can be composted too. Even meat, bones, and shellfish!



2. **Compost your food-soiled paper.** This includes pizza boxes, paper towels, and paper plates. Ordering in or picking up take out? Waxed cardboard, paper takeout containers, chopsticks, and toothpicks go into your compost, too!

3. **Peel off produce stickers.** Produce stickers are not compostable and, if thrown into the compost, contaminates the finished soil amendment. Place stickers in the garbage.

4. **Keep your compost kitchen pail clean.** Line your kitchen pail with BPI certified compostable liners, newspaper, or paper bags, and empty regularly to keep it clean. Don't have a compost pail? You can request one from Recology.



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Find more compost tips at RethinkCompost.org/tips

Looking to reduce hazardous waste in your home?

Try this all-natural cleaner recipe with items you may already have at home!

- 1 Fill a spray bottle with 1 part vinegar, 1 part water
- 2 Add some lemon juice to create a fresh and natural scent
- 3 Voila! You just made an All-Purpose Cleaner!



For more tips on how to reduce hazardous waste in your home and for safer cleaning recipes, visit: RethinkWaste.org/HHW



FREE DROP-OFF AT SHOREWAY PUBLIC RECYCLING CENTER

Did you know the Shoreway Public Recycling Center (PRC) accepts select hazardous waste items for FREE from residents? Items that are classified as hazardous waste must be disposed of properly because they contain harmful chemicals that can contaminate our soil, drinking water, and air when disposed of improperly!



These items are accepted for residential drop off at the PRC:



- **Batteries** (household, lithium ion and car)
- **Cell phones**
- **Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)**
- **Electronics** (computers, TVs, copiers, and other consumer electronics)
- **Fluorescent light tubes** (household only, up to 6 tubes, must be less than 6 feet)
- **Latex & oil-based paint** (up to 10 gallons)
- **Used motor antifreeze** (up to 10 gallons)
- **Used motor oil** (up to 15 gallons) & oil filters
- **Mattresses** (up to 5 mattresses, drop off at the Shoreway Transfer Station)

The PRC is open Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos.

For a full list of accepted items, visit RethinkWaste.org/PRC



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.
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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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