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**FOSTER CITY DOOR-TO-DOOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
PROGRAM STARTS MARCH 1**
Convenient Program Offered to Single-Family and Multi-Family Residents

SAN CARLOS, CA - February 28, 2011 – The new Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program starts Tuesday, March 1 for all residents in the City of Foster City. Through the convenient new 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.

To participate, residents can call 800-HHW-PKUP (800-449-7587) or send an email to hotline@curbsideinc.com to schedule a collection appointment with Curbside, Inc., the company contracted by RethinkWaste to provide the collection service. Curbside, Inc. 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. Curbside, Inc. 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 Foster City. Residents do not need to pay a separate fee for using the Door-to-Door HHW Collection Program, the cost for this new service has already been included in the garbage rates for 2011. There are no limits on the number of appointments residents can schedule.

“I am excited that this program will make it convenient for residents to dispose of hazardous materials. By making it easier to do the right thing, not only will residents save time and hassle, but we also hope that fewer hazardous chemicals will end up in the landfill, groundwater or bay,” said Foster City Mayor Linda Koelling.

Foster City is the eighth RethinkWaste Member Agency offering the new program to its residents. The Cities of Belmont, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, San Carlos and San Mateo, the Town of Hillsborough and the West Bay Sanitary District rolled out the program last year to their respective communities.

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RethinkWaste awarded Curbside 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 will be processed at Curbside's facility in the East Bay.

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

RethinkWaste

Formed in 1982, RethinkWaste is a joint powers authority comprised of 12 Member 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 and is a leader in implementing innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste also owns and manages the Shoreway facility in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a recycling processing facility. The Agency's legal name is the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA.) For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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