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### **Computer Collection Event for Reuse and Recycling**

SAN CARLOS, CA – Residents and small businesses in select communities are invited to drop off up to five computer systems on Saturday, May 22, 9AM-2PM at the San Mateo County Expo parking lot in San Mateo. Eligible communities are Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, and San Mateo and adjacent unincorporated areas. No appointment is necessary.

The state has banned all computer monitors and TVs from the landfill, and many electronics contain hazardous wastes, such as lead and mercury, that can harm our water supply and taint the soil if buried in a landfill. This event provides participants with an option to responsibly get rid of unwanted computers while taking advantage of reuse and recycling opportunities.

The Computer Collection Event for Reuse and Recycling is a project of RethinkWaste and its event partner the Computer Recycling Center (CRC) to keep approximately 60,000-150,000 pounds of electronics out of the landfill. RethinkWaste will pay the recycling fees; therefore, proof of residency is required in order for the event to be no cost to participants (valued up to \$26 per item).

Acceptable computer items are: computers (CPUs), computer monitors, laptop computers, keyboards, computer mice, computer speakers, printers, and scanners. These items will be evaluated for reuse by CRC, which promotes the highest and best re-use of computer and electronic equipment, and recycles unusable items to keep them out of landfills. Donation receipts will be available.

Items not accepted are TVs, consumer and household electronics, batteries and power packs, appliances, computer disks, CDs, videotapes, game cartridges, and packaging. Most of these materials are accepted for recycling (many with no fee) at the Recyclery operated by BFI located at 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos.

Businesses with more than five computer systems and other office equipment can visit the Computer Recycling Center's Web site to arrange Business Pick-ups at [www.CRC.org](http://www.CRC.org).

About SBWMA/RethinkWaste: The South Bayside Waste Management Authority/RethinkWaste is a regional agency, formed in 1982 to help local communities manage and reduce waste.

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