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### Free Compost for Fall

SAN CARLOS, CA – RethinkWaste.org and Allied Waste are teaming up with member communities to give away compost on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Similar events were held in the Spring. The compost is made from local yard trimmings collected every other week at the curb, and composted at a nearby composting facility. Residents in the communities listed below may take up to 1 cubic yard of compost (about six full garbage cans) at no charge at select locations as long as supply lasts. Bring shovels, gloves, containers, and proof of residency. Help recycle this material back into the earth.

- Belmont: City Hall Parking Lot, 8am – 12pm (**October 20<sup>th</sup> ONLY**)
- Burlingame: Burlingame High School Parking Lot, 8 am – 5 pm
- East Palo Alto: Corporation Yard – 150 Tara St, 8 am – 4 pm
- Foster City: Boat Park - Foster City Blvd & Bounty, 8 am – 5 pm
- Hillsborough: Walnut Ave & Floribunda Ave. 9 am – 12 pm
- Menlo Park: Bayfront Park Entrance, 9 am – sunset
- Fair Oaks: Flood County Park – 215 Bay Rd, Menlo Park, 9am – sunset
- Redwood City: Corporation Yard - 1400 Broadway, 8 am – 12 pm (**October 27<sup>th</sup> ONLY**)
- San Carlos: Highlands Park - Melendy Drive & Aberdeen Dr, 8 am – 12 pm
- San Mateo: Anchor Rd at 3rd Ave, 8 am – 12 pm

Compost is the result of nature decomposing organic materials into a dark, nutrient-rich soil. The compost is ideally used as an amendment to enrich soil for lawns, gardens, ornamental plants, trees, and potted plants. By applying compost to landscaping and mixing it with soil, people put organic resources into the soil, providing a non-chemical alternative to fertilizers.

Not only is curbside yard trimming collection available to residents for large-scale composting, but backyard and worm composting are additional options. Free home composting workshops and reduced-priced bins are available through RecycleWorks, a program of the County of San Mateo, visit their website at [www.recycleworks.org](http://www.recycleworks.org).

About RethinkWaste.org: The South Bayside Waste Management Authority/RethinkWaste.org is a regional agency, formed in 1982 to help local communities manage and reduce waste. To learn more about SBWMA/RethinkWaste, visit [www.RethinkWaste.org](http://www.RethinkWaste.org).

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