

RETHINKER

SUMMER 2020 | PROPERTY MANAGERS EDITION

Multi-family service guides have been mailed to residents of multi-family dwellings throughout our service area. For additional copies for new residents or versions in Spanish and Chinese, please contact Recology or visit Recology.com.



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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INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ON WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER PROPERTY MANAGERS? Consult the Property Manager Guide available online at: RethinkWaste.org/PropertyManagers.



HOLIDAY TREES

Property Managers need to schedule tree collections with Recology on behalf of the entire complex.

Holiday trees can be collected in centrally located piles, on-site compost containers, or in a debris box for no additional charge between **Jan. 2 and Jan. 31.**

BATTERY & CELL PHONE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Help residents properly dispose of used batteries and cell phones at your property.

Contact Recology for a FREE battery and cell phone bucket. Establish a centrally located collection at your property—a lobby, multi-use room, mailroom, or clubhouse.

When you're ready to schedule a collection, contact Recology who will collect the bucket from a mutually agreed upon location. **Only a Property Owner or Manager may order a bucket and schedule a collection.**



BULKY ITEM COLLECTION (BIC)

Two free BICs are allowed per calendar year from **Feb. 1 through Dec. 31** per multi-family complex (not per unit). Recology will schedule an on-site assessment to determine the location and size of container(s) needed.

- **Accepted Items:** household waste, mattresses, furniture, electronic waste, and non-commercial sized appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, and dryers. **PLEASE NOTE: Electronic Waste and appliances need to be kept separate from regular household waste.**
- **UNACCEPTED ITEMS:** hazardous waste (paint, fluorescent lights, car batteries, etc.), dirt, rock, and concrete.



IMPORTANT CALIFORNIA LAWS PROPERTY MANAGERS NEED TO KNOW



Recycling and composting keeps valuable resources out of the landfill and reduces greenhouse gases, which helps combat global warming. Recycling saves trees, water, and energy. Composting returns nutrients to soil and in turn helps farmers and home gardeners grow healthy foods that feed our families.

ASSEMBLY BILL 1826 (AB 1826) is a law enacted by the State of California that requires applicable businesses to compost organic waste. **The purpose of AB 1826 is to curb greenhouse gas emissions by diverting organic materials from the landfill.**

Generators of 4 cubic yards or more of garbage, recycling, and compost combined per week are required to recycle organic waste. Organic waste includes food scraps, food soiled paper products, and landscape materials.

At this time, Multi-Family Dwellings are not required to have food waste recycling on-site, but must recycle landscape materials. Learn more at RethinkWaste.org/AB1826.



ASSEMBLY BILL 341 (AB 341) is a law enacted by the State of California that requires all businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of garbage per week and multi-family dwellings with five or more units to recycle.

The purpose of this law is to REDUCE garbage sent to landfills and greenhouse gas emissions. Learn more at RethinkWaste.org/AB341.



To start a recycling or organics program at your property, contact Recology San Mateo County at (650) 595-3900 or visit Recology.com.

Mandatory Organics Recycling (SB1383) Is Just Around The Corner!

Join us for a **free virtual presentation** to learn how Recology can help set-up a successful compost program at your property! Raffle Prizes for attendees!

**AUGUST 6 @ 12PM OR
AUGUST 11 @ 5:30PM**

Recology will share info about:

- Waste assessments
- Free kitchen pails
- Presentations for residents
- And more!

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
RECOLOGYEVENTS.EVENTBRITE.COM**



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.
RethinkWaste | (650) 802-3500 | rethinker@rethinkwaste.org | RethinkWaste.org

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, buy back rates, etc? Contact South Bay Recycling:
South Bay Recycling | 333 Shoreway Rd, San Carlos | (650) 802-8355 | SBRecycling.net

- *RethinkWaste Member Agencies:**
- Atherton
 - Belmont
 - Burlingame
 - East Palo Alto
 - Foster City
 - Hillsborough
 - Menlo Park
 - Redwood City
 - San Carlos
 - San Mateo
 - County of San Mateo
 - West Bay Sanitary District