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Waste Management Recognized with Prestigious WRAP Award

(SANTA ANA) Dec. 9, 2010 – The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recently announced that [Waste Management of Orange County](#) is the recipient of its prestigious **Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP)**. The award annually recognizes California businesses for their outstanding waste reduction efforts.

“It is an honor to be recognized with this award for the second year in a row,” said Jason Rose, general manager of Waste Management (WM) in San Diego and Orange Counties. “Our team is constantly seeking new ways to reduce our carbon footprint and protect the environment.”

The WRAP program was established in 1993 by CalRecycle to annually recognize California businesses that have made outstanding efforts to reduce non-hazardous waste by implementing resourceful practices, aggressive waste reduction, reuse and recycling activities, and the procurement of recycled content products.

To receive the award, WM had to demonstrate four required components to including waste prevention; reuse, recycling and composting; purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products and education.

In addition, WM had to provide information and questions about greenhouse gas reductions resulting from the business’ waste reduction programs, cost savings for waste reduction practices, and employee training and incentives.

Recognized as an environmental leader in Orange County, WMOC’s green programs in the region include: Installing dehydration machines as part of a regional food waste diversion pilot program at several Orange County businesses; Creating a \$1.7 million recycling sort line at the company’s Irvine Processing and Transfer Facility to help divert construction material from local landfills; Establishing solar trash compactors at various locations throughout Orange County as part of a pilot program to reduce collection frequency.

WMOC also uses low emission trucks in an effort to reduce the company’s carbon footprint on the road and around the county. The total of the reduced emissions from WMOC’s fleet of natural gas collection vehicles is the equivalent of removing approximately 10,000 cars from Orange County roadways every day.

About Waste Management

As North America’s largest provider of waste and environmental services, Waste Management is on a quest for environmental performance, to maximize resource value and minimize environmental impact. Waste is a valuable resource. WM takes innovative steps to maximize and recover the resource that is in waste. To learn more visit www.wmorangecounty.com and www.thinkgreen.com.

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