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Waste Management Recognized with Prestigious WRAP Award

(SAN DIEGO) Dec. 9, 2010 – The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recently announced that [Waste Management of San Diego](#) 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 Carl Scherbaum, district manager of Waste Management of San Diego. “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, formerly known as the California Integrated Waste Management Board, 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, Waste Management 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, Waste Management 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. Waste Management was one out of 285 applicants that were awarded this honor from companies throughout the state of California.

Recognized as an environmental leader in San Diego County, Waste Management’s green programs in the region include operating a state-of-the-art recycling sort line at the company’s El Cajon Processing and Transfer Facility to help divert construction material and other recyclables from local landfills and installing solar trash compactors at various locations throughout San Diego County as part of a pilot program to reduce collection frequency.

Waste Management also uses low emission, natural gas-powered 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 Waste Management of San Diego’s fleet of natural gas collection vehicles is the equivalent of removing approximately 9,000 cars from San Diego’s 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.wastemanagementsd.com <http://northcounty.wm.com> and www.thinkgreen.com.

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