

WASTE MANAGEMENT GROWS FEEDING AMERICA SAN DIEGO'S RECYCLING RESULTS BY NEARLY 70 PERCENT

Comprehensive Program Implemented to Increase Recycling and Composting

(SAN DIEGO) February XX, 2011 - [Waste Management of San Diego](#) (WMSD) announced today it has worked with [Feeding America San Diego](#) (FASD) - one of the largest distributors of donated food in San Diego - to dramatically increase the amount of material it recycles, almost 70 percent, since the launch of a comprehensive program in November 2010.

“We are pleased to help Feeding America San Diego manage this program so they can recycle large volumes of cardboard, glass, aluminum and paper, as well as unusable food items,” said Jason Rose, vice president and general manager of Waste Management San Diego and Orange County. “Now using the latest in recycling technology and practices, they can continue to serve a community in need while improving the environment and creating a greener San Diego.”

Only a few months into the program, WMSD has helped implement [recycling](#) practices at FASD's distribution center to create a more efficient and environmentally-friendly system that has significantly reduced the overall waste stream. Additionally, all of the organization's food that is not fit for consumption, which ranges from 10,000 to 20,000 pounds per month and was previously discarded, is collected by WMSD and now composted.

WMSD also created user-friendly recycling stations in the interior and exterior of the FASD warehouse for the collection of cardboard, plastics, shrink-wrap, paper and food waste, and also provides staff and volunteer training on recycling and proper disposal methods.

“Feeding America San Diego is grateful to be working with Waste Management to preserve and protect our environment,” said Tim Ney, chief operations officer for FASD. “Our goal is to continue to improve the recycling program and strive to be a leader both in San Diego and among other partner food banks across the nation.”

ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit www.wastemanagementsd.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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ABOUT FEEDING AMERICA SAN DIEGO

Established in July 2007, FASD is one of San Diego County's largest distributors of donated food and the only Feeding America affiliate in San Diego County. Feeding America San Diego's mission is "To feed the hungry; to advocate; to educate." For more information, please visit www.FeedingAmericaSD.org or call (858) 452-FOOD (3663). Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FeedingAmericaSD or follow our news on Twitter at twitter.com/FeedingSanDiego.

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