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The Days of Sorting Recyclable Materials Are Gone for Colorado Springs' Businesses and Residents

Waste Management Now Offering Single Stream Recycling in the Area

Colorado Springs, CO (August 11, 2008) – Waste Management of Colorado (WM) announced today that it will offer [single stream recycling](#) - which allows customers to combine all recyclable materials into one bin - to existing as well as new commercial and residential customers in Colorado Springs. – Local existing recycling drop-off sites for separated paper materials will still be available. Under the new program, residential single stream recycling customers will also now be able to recycle glass and cardboard, a service previously only available to commercial customers.

“The days of sorting recyclable materials are gone, now that the ease and convenience of single stream recycling is now available in Colorado Springs,” said Chuck Schmidt, vice president of the West Group for Waste Management Recycle America. “Our ongoing goal is to make recycling easier and more convenient for our customers, and this change will make recycling as easy as taking out the trash.”

Presently Colorado Springs businesses and residents sort their recyclable items into multiple bins – separating newspaper and junk mail in one bin, plastics in one bin, and tin and aluminum in another. However, with the introduction of single stream recycling plastic, glass, aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, office papers, phone books, cardboard and junk mail can all be put into a single container that is placed at the curb (or at a designation location for businesses) for collection. Businesses and residential customers can continue to use existing WM bins when recycling under the new program.

For more information or to sign up for single stream recycling, please contact WM's customer service center at 719-632-8877.

“Waste Management is committed to offering communities and businesses more effective and affordable recycling options,” said Bill Bestreich of Waste Management of Colorado. “And as the industry leader, our goal is to set the standard for new and innovative waste and recycling collection options for the communities we serve and live in.”

In 2001, WM became the first major solid waste company to focus on residential single stream recycling – actually opening its first single-stream plant in the late 1990's. As a result, residential single stream programs have greatly increased the recycling rates, recovering up to 30 percent more recyclable materials while maintaining material quality equal to if not better than traditional recycling processes.

This service offering is part of Waste Management's sustainability initiative that was announced last October at the World Business Forum committing the company to nearly tripling the amount of recyclables it manages by 2020.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

About Waste Management Recycle America

WM Recycle America is a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management Inc. and is the largest recycler of residential recyclables in North America. WM Recycle America's business lines include processing many types of consumer generated recyclables and finding the best markets for the recyclable commodities produced. In its capacity of providing processing and marketing services, WM Recycle America offers a wide variety of recycling options for municipal, manufacturing, commercial and residential customers.

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