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## Dear Friends,

It's been such a busy time for us at Waste Management that it's hard to believe that we're already almost four months into 2007. We've been keeping up our involvement in the community and were recently recognized by the Boys and Girls Club and the Simi Valley Police Foundation for our efforts. In addition, we've been working to not only maintain, but also enhance the safety level of our operations. We reached an important milestone recently: six years without an accident or injury. Also, all eight of our heavy equipment operators recently received certification from Caterpillar, making the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center the first fully certified landfill for heavy equipment in California.

Although we encourage our customers to recycle every day, with Earth Day coming up, this is a good time to go over what items you can place in your recycling container. We try to make recycling as easy as possible, but certain items can't be recycled so please refer to our list for more information.

Finally, it's almost that time of the year for residential free dump days. I encourage you to review the list of items we accept as part of this local service. As always, we are here to answer any questions you may have so don't hesitate to give us a call.

Michael E. Smith  
Market Area Manager

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## Simi Valley Salutes Waste Management Community Involvement



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF SIMI VALLEY**

Waste Management of Simi Valley and G.I. Industries and its employees are involved in so many different community organizations that it's often hard to keep track of what they're up to. Recently, Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley and the Simi Valley Police Foundation recognized the efforts of our company and employees.

The Boys and Girls Club named Waste Management its Business of the Year at its annual recognition luncheon and the Police Foundation gave its Presidents Award to Mike Smith, WM Market Area Manager.

The Boys and Girls Club singled out Waste Management after reviewing its support – in terms of volunteer time and monetary donations - in 2006.

As District Manager Scott Tignac, a member of the Club's Board of Directors for the past three years, can tell you, the Club provides valuable programs for children from ages 6 to 17. It works with over 400 kids a day and 10,000 kids in a single year. As a result of WM's support, the organization has been able to serve more children and open up additional on-site programs, including a recent one at a local elementary school.

In addition, the Simi Valley Police Foundation honored WM's Mike Smith with its Presidents Award. The award is given to a member of the Foundation's board of directors who has helped the organization with its goal of maintaining a safe community through citizen participation. Mike has been on the Board for four years now and speaks highly of the Foundation's efforts to support various police programs – such as the police canine (K9) replacement program – that do not receive funding from the annual police budget.

Waste Management is dedicated to serving Simi Valley both on the job and in the community and we pride ourselves on having employees who go the extra mile. We're especially proud of these awards and the dedication all of our employees have shown in their volunteer work.

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## Taking Safety to a New Level

We take safety seriously at the landfill and G.I. Industries and we always go out of our way to protect the safety of our employees and customers. Two recent achievements show that our dedication is paying off.

On March 16, we celebrated six years of operations without a loss-time accident or injury, a remarkable record for both our employees and for the waste disposal industry. Operations Supervisor Lee Carter credits this record to the diligence of the landfill staff for being able to identify and avoid potentially unsafe situations and apply Waste Management's safety program "Mission to Zero" (M2Z). The company program mandates zero tolerance toward acts, conditions or behaviors they may cause unsafe conditions in or around the landfill.

To reward the employees for this milestone achievement, WM treated everyone to a catered luncheon and also distributed bonuses to the deserving individuals.

In addition, all eight of the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center heavy equipment operators recently received certification from Caterpillar, the recognized leader in off-road heavy equipment. There were four training sessions spread over four years and the operators were shown the correct and safe way to operate their machinery. The WM team demonstrated their skills at the controls of four different pieces of equipment and received certificates on Landfill Compactors, Track-Type Tractors, Wheel Tractor-Scrapers and Motor Graders.

The certification not only enhances the level of onsite safety, but it also makes SVLRC the first fully certified landfill for heavy equipment in California, which is an impressive feat in itself. Congratulations to everyone for taking safety to a new level in Simi Valley!

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## Recycling Primer

This year Earth Day falls on Sunday, April 22 and while it's always a good time to take stock of what you can do to help the environment, you can make a positive impact each day by recycling. Most of the items we use and toss on a daily basis are recyclable. For example, did you know you can now recycle all types of plastic bags? And, as long as you remove the waxy liner and any food waste, you can also recycle pizza and cereal boxes. Here are some additional recycling guidelines.



Recyclable plastics include narrow-necked plastic containers marked with numbers 1 through 7 (including soda bottles and detergent bottles). You can also recycle newspaper and magazines, brown paper bags, glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans and empty aerosol cans. Please make sure you rinse out the plastic and glass containers to remove any food waste.

All recyclable items except yard trimmings can be mixed together in your recycling cart. Yard trimmings such as grass, leaves and small branches should be placed in your greenwaste cart.

Are you sometimes baffled by what cannot be recycled? Some of the items that can't yet be recycled curbside include books, photographs, plastic coated frozen food packaging or take-out containers, window glass, light bulbs, coat hangers, shrink wrap and Styrofoam. Also, don't forget that while you can recycle plastic (#1-7) and glass containers, all caps and lids have to go in the trash. Fluorescent tubes, batteries and electronics are considered Universal Waste, and, under California law cannot be tossed in the trash or recycled curbside.

By recycling, we reduce our reliance on landfills, as well as our dependence on natural resources, like trees, minerals and fossil fuels. Please join us in recycling as much as possible every day! For more information, please visit our website.

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## Free Dump Days

The first of our two free annual dump days for local residents are coming up. On Sunday, April 15, Moorpark residents will be able to drop off their residential trash and greenwaste at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC) from 10am to 4pm. Simi Valley residents will have their

free day on Sunday, May 20 also from 10am to 4pm. On Sunday, May 27, Thousand Oaks residents will be able to bring their items to Conejo Creek Park from 8am to 3pm. Please note we are asking our Thousand Oaks customers to go to this special drop-off location and not SVLRC.

Due to the overwhelming success of these events, please be prepared for wait times that could take up to 90 minutes. To help minimize delays, please follow these simple suggestions:

- Be ready with valid identification to show proof of residency to cashier.
- All loads must be tarped pursuant to California State Law.
- This event is for non-hazardous, residential trash and greenwaste. Items we can not accept include: televisions, computer monitors, and biological and medical waste. Please visit our website for a full list of non-acceptable items.
- All loads are subject to inspection
- All commercial vehicles are subject to applicable rates unless prior arrangements have been made

If you have any additional questions, please call Customer Service at (805) 522-9400.