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Dear Friends,

There is a lot to share as we begin to wrap up the year. Last month, we celebrated America Recycles Day and encouraged local residents to take a recycling pledge. Now, as you prepare for the holiday season, we urge you to think about the ways you can make this time of year a little bit greener.



One way you can help is by recycling your Christmas tree after the holidays. Beginning December 26 through January 9, trees will be picked up on your regular scheduled service day — just cut them in half and put them in your green waste container. Please make sure to remove all stands, ornaments and tinsel. From December 26 through January 16, Christmas trees can also be dropped off for free at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center between 7am and 4pm Monday through Saturday.

Also, don't forget that trash and recycling services will be delayed one day due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday. If your regular service day is scheduled for Friday, then your service day will be on Saturday instead.

Speaking of recycling, we were amazed by the number of residents who turned out for our annual fall Free Residential Days. We collected close to 1,500 tons of materials and were able to recycle 33 percent of it. Thank you for coming out and be sure to check our website for the 2009 dates.

There are many employees who help to keep our operations running smoothly and safely. Recently our maintenance team was recognized for their efforts nationally within Waste Management for their dedication to keeping our equipment — including our truck fleet of 150 vehicles — in top shape.

From our families to yours, happy holidays!

Best,
Michael E. Smith
Market Area General Manager
Waste Management of Ventura County

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'Tis the Season to Recycle

This year, having a greener holiday season takes on new meaning. Reducing waste can also save money. Think about creating wrapping paper from recycled materials, like maps, comic strips, or colorful shopping bags. Leaves, pine cones, stocking stuffers or fabric scraps can replace ribbons.



Maybe this is the year that you finally go electronic on your holiday cards — e-cards can be fun and moving, and certainly an electronic Christmas letter is easier to share and to file away than the printed kind. You might also want to look at buying items such as drinks for your holiday parties in bulk instead of in individual servings. And lastly, a little bit of dishwashing can save you a lot of money if you turn to reusable plates and glasses for your entertaining.

America Recycles Day was on November 15, but if you missed it, we encourage you to take the America Recycles Day (ARD) pledge to show your commitment to recycling. Over the past 11 years since ARD was established, residents in every single state have participated in the campaign and pledged to increase their recycling habits at home and work.

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Free Days Help Keep Communities Clean

The free residential days Waste Management provides for local residents always have a great turnout. This fall, over 1,900 residents from the cities of Simi Valley, Moorpark and Thousand Oaks participated in the event, bringing close to 1,500 tons of refuse and recyclables. Of the material that was received, about 33 percent was recycled and diverted from the Simi Valley Landfill.



Waste Management provides residents two free disposal days — one in the spring and another in the fall — at Waste Management's facility each year. With this year's events completed, Waste Management has announced the dates for the 2009 disposal days — happening in the spring and fall:

City of Moorpark

Sunday, April 19: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

City of Simi Valley

Sunday, May 17: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

City of Thousand Oaks

Saturday, May (TBD): Date & time and place TBD

Sunday, Sept. 20: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please visit our website for more information.

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Maintenance Team Recognized Nationally as Top Shop



In Ventura County, Waste Management/ GI Industries provides trash and recycling services to over 100,000 customers. To ensure that everything runs smoothly and efficiently, we rely on our maintenance team day in and day out. Recently, the maintenance team was recognized nationally by Waste Management for its efforts with a Top Shop Award.

The award is designed to promote continuous improvement across the company within fleet services and logistics, as well as showcase what the maintenance team goes through to keep our fleet up and running. We want to commend the team for their commitment to ensuring that service interruptions are kept at a minimum while safety is maximized.

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