

# City of Renton and Waste Management Partner to Bring Clean Air Trucks to Renton Neighborhoods and Businesses

## New WM trucks are cleaner and quieter!

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**RENTON – June 6, 2011** – The trucks that collect recycling, food waste and garbage in Renton are now cleaner and quieter, thanks to a new sustainability initiative from the City of Renton and Waste Management.

Waste Management is now servicing Renton with 19 new clean air trucks, powered by compressed natural gas for a smaller carbon footprint. The trucks are delivering distinct environmental benefits for Renton, including nearly zero air particulate and 23 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions. The engines also run quieter than traditional diesel engines, resulting in quieter trucks and less noise in neighborhoods and business districts.

Mayor Denis Law and Rob Sherman of Waste Management officially christened the clean air trucks today at an outdoor celebration at IKEA in Renton. IKEA is a Waste Management customer and is recognized as a global sustainability leader.

“This initiative with Waste Management is really all about cleaner air and quieter streets,” said Mayor Law. “It is another opportunity to improve the quality of life for Renton citizens, and an important step forward for this community’s sustainable future.”

Sherman, director of operations for Waste Management-Puget Sound, praised the City of Renton as a model of sustainability leadership for clean air as well as waste reduction. He noted that the city was a frontrunner in waste reduction efforts to divert food scraps for use in compost.

“Waste Management understands that waste reduction and clean air are both critically important to the City of Renton,” Sherman said. “This is another WM investment to help our community partners achieve their aggressive sustainability goals.”



Waste Management operates the world's largest fleet of heavy-duty trucks powered by clean-burning natural gas. In the Puget Sound region, WM operates clean air trucks in Renton and Seattle, and will soon launch the cleaner, quieter trucks in the cities of Kirkland, Auburn and Federal Way.

Renton's new trucks are also green-certified by Evergreen Fleets, a program of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition. Certification recognizes smart and efficient fleet management policies that deliver environmental benefits. The WM fleet is the first heavy-duty fleet in the region to earn this important certification.

Craig Kenworthy, executive director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, spoke at today's event to explain why Evergreen Fleet certification is important for Renton.

"Achieving Evergreen Fleets certification is a rigorous process that requires a company to go above and beyond to implement a long list of preventative maintenance and emission-reducing practices," Kenworthy said. "Waste Management's certification is important to Renton and to the Puget Sound region because it will result in cleaner air and more livable communities."

#### **ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management is the leading provider of comprehensive recycling and environmental services in the Pacific Northwest and North America. The company provides innovative sustainability solutions for residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers, from curbside collection with clean air trucks to waste reduction programs that turn food scraps into compost for healthy gardens. WM uses waste that cannot be recycled to generate renewable energy, powering 7,500 homes in the Pacific Northwest. For more information, go to [www.WM.com](http://www.WM.com) or [www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com) or follow us at [Facebook.com/WMPacificNorthwest](https://Facebook.com/WMPacificNorthwest).

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