

Waste Management Celebrates Earth Day 2012 with eCycling Collection at City of Litchfield Park Free Concert

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New WM Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Truck also to be Highlighted at Keep Phoenix Beautiful Earth Day Event

TEMPE, AZ - April 13, 2012 - Waste Management of Arizona (WM) is proud to honor the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day and remind the community that preserving the environment is an everyday responsibility. The company is participating in several events to support this sustainable holiday.

On Friday, April 20 from 7 - 9 PM during the City of Litchfield Park's Arts in the Park Concert Season Finale on the front lawn of the Wigwam, Waste Management is holding a special eCycling collection of small electronics (laptop or smaller). All donated electronics will be wiped clean of any data. The WM eCycling Earth Day Event and FREE Thaddeus Rose Band Concert will be held on the Wigwam Front Lawn at 300 E. Wigwam Blvd. in Litchfield Park.

The rebates Waste Management receives after processing the collected electronics will be donated to City of Litchfield Park Recreation Summer Youth Programs. For more information, visit <http://wmofarizona.com/documents/2012EarthDay.pdf>.

Large eCycling items will not be accepted at this event including CRTs, TVs, computer monitors and desktop computers. Acceptable eCycling items include (small items only):

- Cell phones
- PDAs
- Laptops
- GPS devices
- Mp3 players
- Tablets/readers
- Digital cameras
- Inkjet and laser cartridges
- Scientific calculators

On Friday, April 20 from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Waste Management will also join Keep Phoenix Beautiful at their Earth Day Phoenix event at Cesar Chavez Plaza directly across from Phoenix City Hall. The company will feature one of its newest Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) collection trucks. Waste Management's natural gas-powered fleet of more than 1,000 vehicles emit nearly zero air particulates, cut greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 25 percent and are far quieter than diesel trucks.

The Earth Day Phoenix plaza is located between Washington and Jefferson Streets, and between 1st and 3rd Avenues. For more information, visit <http://earthdayphoenix.org/>.

Waste Management is also sponsoring or participating in several other events this month to celebrate Earth Day with our customers. Year round, one of the premier facilities that illustrate Waste Management's commitment to sustainability is the Arizona Community



Ecocenter, a state of the art Material Recovery Facility that processes recyclable materials. Located in Surprise, the Ecocenter is capable of processing up to 500 tons per day from residential and commercial sources. The \$20M facility opened in January 2011 and obtained USGBC LEED Silver Certification. An Environmental Education Center offers visitors the opportunity to learn more about recycling and see the sorting process in action. The Arizona Community Ecocenter serves as a great model of environmental solutions and public visits can be arranged by e-mailing AZCommunityEcocenter@wm.com.

“As North America’s largest recycler and a leading provider of environmental solutions, Waste Management is proud to celebrate Earth Day in the communities which we serve,” said Pat DeRueda, Area Vice President for Waste Management’s AZ-NM Desert Market Area. “Our goal is to be part of the solution to the problems that sparked the original idea of Earth Day, and while that is a 365-day-per-year job, Earth Day is a good reminder of our responsibility.”

About Waste Management

Waste Management of Arizona and its 1,000 statewide employees provide waste and recycling services to nearly 500,000 customers throughout the state. For more information, visit www.wmofarizona.com.

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 one of the largest residential recyclers and 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.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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