

# Waste Management of Arizona Announces New Organics Recycling Facility

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## ***Waste Management supplying green waste to Garick LLC for the processing and production of biomass and compost materials***

MARICOPA, AZ - February 23, 2012 - Waste Management of Arizona today announced the opening of the Maricopa Organics Recycling Facility located at its Sierra Estrella facility, developed in collaboration with Garick LLC. Garick LLC is a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of biomass fuel supply, organic lawn and garden products.

Waste Management of Arizona will collect green waste such as yard and clean wood waste recovered from the company's transfer stations, which Garick will process into biomass wood fuel, which will be sold primarily to Frito-Lay to run its Casa Grande, Arizona facility. In addition to biomass wood fuel, Garick will produce compost and mulch for local use.

"We are pleased to work with Garick, a leader in generating natural resource products, by adding organics recycling to our portfolio of services," said Pat DeRueda, Waste Management of Arizona-New Mexico area vice president. "This illustrates one way we are diversifying our service offering and creating sustainable solutions for our customers, while area consumers, businesses and communities benefit from locally developed compost and mulch."

"Garick is excited to be collaborating with Waste Management of Arizona to help the local communities, including the City of Maricopa, recycle materials that would otherwise be disposed in a landfill," says John Gundlach, senior vice president of Garick's Environmental and Energy Group. "We look forward to building and growing our business in Maricopa."

Diverting the materials away from landfills and giving them new life through organics recycling is one of the innovative ways Waste Management finds sustainable solutions to meet the needs of our diverse customer base.

### **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](http://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](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).



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### About Garick

Garick LLC, a North American distributor, processor and recycler of sustainable natural resource products, prides itself on its commitment to sustainability and environmental practices. Using food, yard and forest products residuals, Garick diverts and beneficially reuses organic waste streams and creates organic mulches, soils, and other sustainable products, supplying customers with a complete range of products in bags, bales or bulk. In 2010, Waste Management acquired an equity interest in Garick. To learn more visit [www.garick.com](http://www.garick.com).

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