WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFERS GREEN TIPS AND REMINDS SERVICES ON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

June 28, 2011, Simi Valley, Calif. - In observance of the 4th of July holiday, trash and recycling services for Waste Management customers in Ventura County will be delayed one day during the week of July 4.

Regular schedule services will resume the following week. Please remember to place carts at curbside by 6:00 am with the lids closed.

Waste Management reminds everyone to be safe and green as the backyard barbeques and celebrations begin.

A few Green Tips for your holiday party:

- Reduce waste and skip the paper products by using silverware, glasses and plates.
- Provide a convenient, clearly marked receptacle for recycling next to any trash cans.
- To be even greener, add a bin for food scraps that you can compost later.
- Use aluminum foil instead of plastic wrap to cover and store food. Clean foil can be crumpled up and tossed into the recycling bin.
- Never dispose of coals or ashes directly into your trash or recycling containers.
- Coals should be cooled for several days and placed in a metal container with a tight lid in your waste container.
- Encourage guests to car pool; it helps save time, money and the environment!

With just a little extra effort, Ventura County residents can have a safe, fun and eco-friendly 4th of July," said Lisa Hemenway, Community Relations for Waste Management. "We know summer is a fun and busy time, and hope these simple tips will help keep thinking green a priority said Hemenway. On behalf of our more than 230 employees at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center and WM/GI Industries Hauling Operations, we wish you and your family a safe and green holiday.

For further information, please contact Customer Service at (805) 522-9400 or visit www.KeepingVenturaCountyClean.com.