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Dear Friends,

Happy Harvest! There is nothing like enjoying the leaves changing into their vibrant colors of red, orange, and yellow during the fall season. WM has been busy over the last few months and wanted to share with you some of our sustainable programs.

Over the summer, Girl Scout Troop 60190, Brownie Troop 60732, YMCA Indian Guides-Taos Tribe, and Camp Helping Hands built blue bird boxes, bee blocks, an observatory brick walkway, and a gladiola art sculpture at the pollinator garden to promote recycling and environmental education awareness. We cannot thank them enough!



October is Energy Awareness Month and WM is celebrating its employees from the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center's landfill-gas-to-energy facility. Do you know how many homes the SVLRC generates enough electricity for our community? You will have to read more to find out!

The City of Simi Valley launched a "Choose Green Business Challenge" to local businesses that demonstrate a strong commitment to a more sustainable Simi Valley. At a recent city council meeting, WM was recognized for its environmental friendly programs and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

WM participated in the second annual Living Green Expo to highlight environmental stewardship and awareness. Thank you to our community residents for recycling batteries and athletic shoes at our booth.

WM is proud to be your environmental solutions provider for over 35 years.

Have a great weekend and Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

Mike Smith

Director of Operations

Green Hot Topics

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Dates To Remember

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24 - CLOSED

Trash and recycling services will be delayed by one day.

Christmas

Sunday, December 25 - CLOSED

Regular Schedule - NO interruption in trash and recycling services

New Year's

Sunday, January 1 - CLOSED

Regular Schedule - NO interruption in trash and recycling services

Recycling Tip

Recycled leaves and grass clippings can be used as a fertilizer to help grow healthier lawns, plants and flowers.

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The Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center maintains a 2-acre certified wildlife habitat preserve. In the spirit of promoting environmental education and awareness, we invited local groups to participate this summer in a hands-on community service project at our pollinator garden.

With limited nesting areas for blue birds, bats and bees, over thirty girls (and siblings) from Girl Scout Daisy Troop 60190, Brownie Troop 60732, and YMCA Taos Tribe built twelve blue bird boxes, three bat chamber houses, and about a dozen bee blocks.

In addition, Camp Helping Hands built a brick walkway to one of the observatory boxes for easy viewing and monitoring of blue birds and constructed a 7-foot tall Gladiola Recycled Art Sculpture made out of plastic milk jugs. The recycled art sculpture displays how reusing materials can be fun and informs visitors to the garden the importance of recycling.

After their hard work, everyone enjoyed a tour of the garden and was able to get an up-close look at the native plants and honey bees.

Thank you Girl Scouts, YMCA Taos Tribe, and Camp Helping Hands!

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Landfill-gas-to-energy facilities are set up to capture methane gas that is a byproduct of decomposed waste. Wells placed throughout the landfill collect this gas and then transport it to a renewable energy facility, where it is used to fuel generators. Waste Management's "green" energy production offsets the need to use over 2 million tons of coal.

Locally, the SVLRC's landfill-gas-to-energy facility currently produces 2.7 megawatts of electricity, equivalent to 2,500 homes, which will offset the use of about 7,874 tons of coal and other greenhouse gas emissions annually. The approved Modernization and Expansion project will allow the SVLRC to increase its green energy production by 150% to the equivalent of 6,250 homes.

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On September 26, WM GI/Industries and the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC) were one of three award recipients announced at the city council meeting. WM was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and received a complimentary booth space at the Living Green Expo Event. WM's sustainable services and programs include:

- Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Recycling Programs.
- Cleaner Technologies – over 30% of WM's fleet uses liquefied natural gas, a cleaner burning fuel.
- Landfill-Gas-to-Energy Program – SVLRC converts methane gas to a renewable resource and provides electricity equivalent to powering 2,500 homes.
- Reclaimed Water Program at the SVLRC for dust control and irrigation.
- WM Think Green recycling programs:
 - Convenient Sharps Medical Waste for residents
 - At Home Battery & Fluorescent Light Bulk Recycling Kits
 - Lamp Tracker – turnkey recycling for businesses to recycle fluorescent lamps, batteries, dental waste, mercury switches and devices, and lighting ballasts.
- WM participates in community events which promotes environmental awareness.
- WM's environmental education program includes onsite school recycling programs, assemblies, speaker presentations, and landfill tours.
- A two-acre outdoor educational classroom to learn about pollination, wildlife habitats, plant communities, and sustainable practices. WM is a certified wildlife habitat site through the Wildlife Habitat Council.



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The community was able to bring and recycle batteries and athletic shoes at the event. Over 800lbs of batteries and 189lbs of athletic shoes were collected.

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