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WASTE MANAGEMENT WINS HIGH PROFILE BLOG AWARD FROM MASHABLE.COM

*ThinkGreen.com takes Blogger's Choice Open Web Award from one of the
Internet's top technology blogs*

HOUSTON – Jan. 21, 2009 – Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE: WMI) today announced that it has been awarded the Blogger's Choice award in the environmental category for Mashable.com's 2nd Annual Open Web Awards. The Open Web Awards are based on nominations and votes from more than 100 blog aggregator sites partnering with contest host Mashable.com, one of the Internet's top technology blogs with 2.3 million monthly users.

ThinkGreen.com was launched in January 2008 to provide information on Waste Management's environmental initiatives and a hands-on way for anyone to learn about what happens to the 4.5 pounds of waste the average person creates each day. Users take an interactive journey into how WM Thinks Green in its everyday business. For example, the site demonstrates how the company creates energy from waste, how single-stream recycling works and how landfills are used to benefit communities through wildlife habitat and recreation use. The site also hosts topical posts from third-party green bloggers.

"We want to educate the public about what we do as stewards of the environment," said David Aardsma, senior vice president, sales and marketing at Waste Management. "This award from Mashable.com underscores that we indeed created a site that is not only educational, but that is a fun and interesting tool for everyone to use."

Visitors to ThinkGreen.com can expect to see some enhancements as of January 2009. Users can download a ThinkGreen widget, or share it on Facebook and MySpace pages. This widget lets users keep track of their actual recycling efforts and tells them how much energy they have saved as a result, giving them real world examples of how the power could be used to operate every day items. And for those who are more competitive, users can see how they rate against other users. In addition, the home page has been updated to improve navigation, highlight new content and give users access to content more quickly.

Thinkgreen.com features a combination of Flash and HTML and has received more than 500,000 unique visitors over the year it has been on line.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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