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## WASTE MANAGEMENT ENCOURAGES K-12 CLASSROOMS TO THINK GREEN WITH NEW ONLINE RESOURCE

*[ThinkGreen.com/classroom](http://ThinkGreen.com/classroom) engages students in the Four Rs- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover*

**Houston, Texas --** (April 16, 2009) – What happens to the waste we all produce? When does it make sense to recycle? Can trash become energy? Questions like these are just some of the timely topics brought to life at [www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom](http://www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom), a new K-12 resource from [Waste Management](#) powered by [Discovery Education](#).

Complete with standards-based lesson plans, compelling videos, interactive activities and Think Green® Resources to engage students and extend the learning to the home, [www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom](http://www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom) is a powerful new suite of tools for educators seeking new materials to enliven environmental lessons.

Teachers of children grades K-5 will find resources that will help them answer such questions as what our trash is made of, how physical properties are used to separate recyclables, and how decaying matter can be turned into energy. Middle school educators will find lessons that will help teach important concepts such as the consequences of too much waste, the importance of the “Four Rs” – reduce, reuse, recycle and recover - and the process of energy conversion and its relationship to waste-to-energy technology.

Lessons targeted for use by high school teachers compel students to think about solid waste and what we do with it, encourage the development of new options for solving solid waste problems, and initiate the evaluation of plans to apply what they have learned about the Four Rs.

The wide varieties of student resources on the site help extend the learning in the home. With age-appropriate digital resources that include videos, puzzles, and stimulating interactive activities, students of all ages and their families can investigate a variety of timely and interesting issues related to recycling and waste management.

“Each grade-specific curriculum on the ThinkGreen/classroom website is designed to advance the sustainability and environmental education goals of educators,” explains Dave Aardsma, senior vice president of sales and marketing. “Today’s students have an innate curiosity about the natural world around them. With these digital resources, teachers can employ a project-based approach to sustainability education that asks students to actively solve problems and pose solutions, rather than just passively absorbing new information.”

Visit [www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom](http://www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom) today.

### **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 facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. More information and how Waste Management achieves Think Green® can be found at [wm.com](http://wm.com).

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