



## FACT SHEET

## WM RECYCLE AMERICA

### Operating Areas:

United States and Canada

### Sales and Marketing Areas:

North America, Latin America,

Europe and Asia

Recycling Facilities: 131

### Recyclable Materials

Marketed Annually: 8 million tons

Employees: 2,900

Information as of 12/31/2005

### Meeting diverse recycling demands worldwide.

Reduce, reuse, recycle. Everyone agrees that conserving resources is the environmentally responsible thing to do. However, we have learned that it is easier said than done. The challenge of making recycling a widespread practice, supported by consumers and business alike, has been a hurdle in the waste industry for many years.

Waste Management is working to overcome that hurdle. We are providing leadership to make recycling a working, sustainable solution for residential, commercial, municipal and industrial customers across the United States and Canada.

WM Recycle America (WMRA) is North America's largest provider of recycling services. Formed in 2003 by Waste Management, Recycle America combines the assets and operations of key domestic recycling processors and marketers to meet the demands of a diverse recycling market around the world. The company's vision is a reinvigorated recycling industry which offers communities and businesses more effective and affordable recycling program options.

**Recycling.** Through its facilities, WMRA can handle a broad range of recyclable commodities, including metals, plastics, glass, electronics and fibers such as office paper, newspaper and cardboard.

**Single-Stream Processing.** WMRA continues to play a leading role in single-stream processing technology. Through the collection of mixed recyclables, single-stream processing provides more convenience for customers, while improving recovery rates and cost-efficiency in the recycling process. WMRA's single-stream facilities use advanced automation equipment to separate all types of recyclable materials.

**Materials Marketing.** As a leading marketer of post-consumer and post-industrial commodities, WMRA provides fiber, non-fiber, scrap metal, textiles, rubber, electronic scrap and plastics to buyers worldwide. The company also works to reduce the overall commodity price risk of its recycling business by placing a large percentage of its commodities under long-term floor price contracts.

WMRA has extensive resources to help meet the needs of all involved in recycling—from individuals who place recyclables at the curb in their communities to companies that reprocess those materials into new products and market them throughout the world.

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**WM Recycle America handles 8 million tons of commodities annually through a national network of facilities.**

**FIBER.** WMRA handles more than 4.2 million tons of fiber annually, including more than 50 grades of office paper, printer's waste, cardboard, newspaper, de-inking high grade and pulp substitutes. By recycling more than 2.5 million tons of newspaper a year, we save about 41 million trees. And by recycling more than 1.5 million tons of cardboard, we recycle more than 6 billion boxes each year.

As the nation's largest provider of recycling services, WMRA has relationships with industrial, commercial, retail and public-sector fiber generators throughout North America, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The company's expertise at matching fiber generators with paper mills around the world—coupled with its knowledge of the global market, trends and the paper-making business—provides customers with consistently high returns for recovered fiber. It also provides paper mills and other manufacturers with a secure, consistent stream of high-quality raw materials.



**GLASS, PLASTICS AND METALS.** Our glass processing facilities supply color-separated superior quality recycled glass to the glass container industry for use in manufacturing new bottles. By recycling nearly 1 million tons of glass annually, we keep roughly 500 million pounds of mining waste from being generated.

By recycling more than 229,000 tons of plastics annually, we save enough energy to power almost 116,000 houses for one year.

WMRA and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., Waste Management's waste-to-energy subsidiary, process more

than 371,000 tons of metals annually. By recycling more than 57,000 tons of steel cans, we reduce greenhouse gases equivalent to taking approximately 21,000 cars off the road each year.

**ELECTRONICS.** As the nation's leading coast-to-coast provider of electronics recycling services, WMRA offers services ranging from end-of-life equipment recycling, collection events, mail-back programs and drop-offs, to commodity marketing and brokerage. In addition to a network of dedicated e-cycling facilities, we work with service partners and local Waste Management facilities to offer collection and processing operations in more than 20 states. Our network of more than 80 drop-off locations is the largest in the U.S. and Canada.

WMRA has played a leading role in product stewardship efforts, creating successful electronics recycling programs with Sony Corp. and Best Buy Company. We were the first U.S. electronics recycler to achieve ISO 9001 and 14001 certification for our regional processing centers, and the first to develop an Environmental Stewardship Pledge, publicly defining our high standards for managing and marketing electronic products and components.

**SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING.** Waste Management has a history of leadership in the recycling industry. We were the first major solid waste company to focus on single-stream recycling, which allows customers to commingle recyclable paper and mixed containers in one bin for collection. The convenience of single-stream recycling greatly increases participation, resulting in the recovery of up to 30 percent more recyclable materials.

We use advanced equipment to sort and process recyclable paper, glass, plastics, metals and electronics. We have introduced innovative ideas, leading-edge technology and advanced systems to streamline everything from the collection of recyclable materials to processing and marketing them.



**SENIOR MANAGEMENT**



Patrick DeRueda  
President  
WM Recycle America

DeRueda joined Waste Management in 2001. Prior to being named President of WM Recycle America, he was Market Area General Manager for Waste Management's New Mexico market area. Prior to that, DeRueda successfully directed a number of recycling programs in California, Arizona and New Mexico, including the implementation of an electronics recycling program and a profitability improvement program for material recovery facilities.

**In 2005, we recycled enough paper to save 41 million trees.**

**Our total recycling efforts save enough energy to power 1.6 million households.**

**Recycling more than 57,000 tons of steel cans, we reduce greenhouse gases equivalent to taking more than 21,000 cars off the road each year.**

