

# WM NEWS

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## Atascocita Landfill Summer 2025

### MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello! My name is Marco Maldonado, and I joined the Atascocita Landfill team in January as the new District Manager.

I began my WM career in 1999 in San Diego, CA. In 2012, my family and I relocated to Houston, where I continued growing within WM operations.

My wife Marsela and I recently celebrated our 30th anniversary. We have two daughters and one grandson, who keeps us busy and smiling. Outside of work, I enjoy volunteering and look forward to getting involved in local efforts that support the community.

It's been a busy year at the landfill, and I am excited to share a few key updates with our neighbors:

In February, we completed a large gas capture construction project, which included the installation of 32 new gas wells. These wells enhance our ability to collect landfill gas, reduce greenhouse emissions, and minimize odors. We appreciate the community's patience during the drilling process earlier this year.

We also installed a new gas flare, which is expected to come online in the next 30 days. This system provides operational redundancy, which is an important safety measure in the event of a gas plant interruption.

Additionally, construction is underway on a 13-acre cell, which is expected to be complete in Q3 2025 and will support future operational needs.

I am proud to lead such a dedicated team and look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with our neighbors and community partners. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 281-446-6545.



**Marco Maldonado**  
District Mgr.

### SUMMER SAFETY REMINDERS FOR KIDS & DRIVERS

From our smallest fans who enjoy seeing big WM trucks each day to drivers who are out and about during the day, we want to remind you to stay safe around big trucks this summer.

► Vehicles like WM trucks make frequent stops and often back up, so don't follow the truck closely while walking, running, biking, skating, or driving. Keep at least 15 feet from the truck. Stay alert and listen for the backup alarm with "beep-beep-beep" sounds.

► Learn the schedule of when service vehicles are in the area. Waste and recycling trucks, postal vehicles, and other package delivery services keep regular schedules within each neighborhood.

► It takes service vehicles about twice as long to stop as a passenger car, so never cut in front of or stop suddenly in front of one.

► Do not allow children to help with loading any materials into the truck and do not stand behind the truck while it is being loaded. Be cautious of debris that may dislodge during compacting.

► There are several areas where visibility can be restricted for the driver. If you cannot see the driver's eyes, they may not see you.

► Every WM truck is equipped with a backup alarm. Whether you are walking or driving near one of our trucks, if you hear this sound or see the white backup lights, please move out of the way of the truck.



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**Landfill Hours**  
Monday- Friday: 7 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday: 7 AM to 2 PM  
Sunday: Closed

