



Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center

Fossils at Simi Valley Landfill

Waste Management's commitment to the environment is evident in the many programs that protect our natural resources and promote responsible management of the land, including those beneath the surface.



The rocks underlying the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center have yielded some of the most important vertebrate fossils in North America. For over 20 years, Waste Management has supported scientific investigations at the landfill.

Paleontologists, including some from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, have worked closely with the landfill to recover fossils:

- Scientists have collected fossil bones and teeth of more than 130 extinct animals.
- These include fish, frogs, lizards, snakes, turtles, crocodiles, birds and many large animals like rhinoceroses and camels.
- Six totally new animal species have been discovered, as well as other animals that were not known before.

The foresight and dedication of landfill employees and Waste Management have helped make the fossil history of the Simi Valley one of the best known in North America, and a standard of comparison for paleontology students and researchers.