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Letter from Damon De Frates District Manager, El Sobrante Landfill

Dear Friends,

Happy Fall. Although the weather hasn't changed yet, we're all looking forward to cooler days. We want to help you green this year's first fall festivity - Halloween. When you consider that consumers are expected to spend more than \$5 billion on Halloween candy, costumes, and goodies this year, you can only imagine how much trash is created to celebrate just one day. We'd like to offer you a few hints how to have a Green Halloween.

We are working on a few infrastructure improvements at El Sobrante to continue our commitment to run a safe and environmentally friendly site. These improvements will not only improve your visit to the landfill but also improve our dust and storm-water monitoring.

We continue to highlight our employees whose every day commitment help run El Sobrante Landfill. Some of them may be your neighbors since a few live here in Temescal Valley. This month, we would like you to meet Nicole Belcher; she has worked for Waste Management for over five years and is an essential part in the success of the maintenance department.

Finally, we want to make you aware that a new law took effect on Sept. 1, 2008, that forbids all home-generated hypodermic needles from being thrown away in waste containers. We want to include you in our public education to assist the approximately 9 million at-home injectors find a convenient solution to safely dispose of their needles.

As always, we are here to take you on a tour of our operations and answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Community Relations Manager Lily Quiroa.

Best,

Damon De Frates
District Manager
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No Needles in the Trash

A new law took effect on Sept. 1, 2008, that forbids all home generated hypodermic needles, or sharps, from being thrown away in waste containers, recycling or green waste bins. Sharps is a medical term for hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets and anything that is used to penetrate or cut the skin. All home-generated sharps waste must now be transported in an approved sharps container and managed by a hazardous waste facility, medical waste generator facility, or a facility managed as part of a mail back program.



Surveys show that more than 3 billion needles and syringes used by self-injectors end up in trash or recycling containers, or are flushed down toilets. This improper disposal puts sanitation workers and the public at risk of needle sticks and serious infections. Waste Management strongly supports this law because of the concern for the safety of our employees who handle solid waste on a daily basis.

There are a variety of options available for residents to safely dispose of their at-home needles. Some drug stores and pharmacies offer kiosks, and there are convenient mail-back programs and drop-off locations. Waste Management offers a Sharps mail-back program as part of its ThinkGreenfromhome.com program that can help residents who need to dispose of needles.

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This Halloween Think Green

This year, Halloween doesn't have to be just orange and black – with a little creativity; you can add a touch of green to the eerie holiday. With all the costumes, candy and decorations that become the next day's trash, Halloween can be a little scary for the landfills. So this year, why not think green? Kids and parents can do things to make it a green Halloween by recycling materials to save money and create less waste in our landfills.



Here are a few tips to put a little green in your Halloween:

- Reuse and recycle old costumes: You can get bargains and inexpensive costumes from thrift stores and yard sales. These sources are inexpensive and more creative: kids can create their costumes without ruining their own clothing. Parents also can reuse and recycle their clothes by tailoring them into costumes for their kids.
- Use all of your pumpkins: Pumpkins are a favorite holiday fixture, but once carved into jack-o-lanterns, they don't last long. To make good use of all pumpkin parts, save the seeds to bake and serve to guests, or feed them directly to birds. You also can compost the pumpkin carcass.
- Trick or treating also can be green: By walking instead of driving you avoid air emissions while also getting exercise. You also should have kids use reusable bags instead of plastic disposable ones. Also remember to use rechargeable batteries for flashlights or candles used on those dark roads.



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Operations Specialist: Nicole Belcher

Nicole Belcher, El Sobrante's Operations Specialist, has been with Waste Management for five years. Her main responsibility is to keep our fleet in compliance with our strict maintenance schedule. Her job is integral to assuring that our machines are working properly to maintain productivity at the landfill.

Nicole has over ten years working in the heavy maintenance industry; she started off in the trucking industry and worked her way up to her current position. Nicole enjoys working at Waste Management because of the growth opportunities and the flexibility the job offers her as a working mom.



A native Californian, Nicole currently resides in Perris with her husband, Tom, of seventeen years and their two very active boys; Talan, 22 months, and one-year-old Maddox.

The family enjoys the outdoors, going boating at Lake Havasu, dirt biking at off road parks and looking for great nature spots where they can camp in their motor home. She warns us that one day we might find her family camping out in our wildlife preserve - -we keep a close eye on her.

Whenever she finds time, Nicole enjoys winding down by listening to all genres of music while either sewing or cross-stitching. One of her favorite things to do, is trying out recipes from the Food Network programs, however, her specialty is German food.



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El Sobrante Landfill Site Improvements

This fall, El Sobrante Landfill will undertake a few renovation projects to improve our on-site operations. The road to the scalehouse will be milled and repaved and the dirt road that leads to the maintenance facility will be paved. In addition, new guardrails will be placed along the concrete ditch adjacent to the road that leads to the landfill.

The site improvements will provide a safer trip to the landfill, especially under difficult weather conditions. They also will offer some environmental benefits. By maintaining the roads we reduce the miniscule dust particles that are kicked up by vehicles as they travel over dirt roads. These particles can stay up in the atmosphere for a long time and add to the air pollution in our air basin. Paving a large portion of our haul road will significantly reduce the dust that leaves our site. This will help keep our air a little cleaner.

The improvements will also allow us to reduce and manage better the silt found in storm water run-off. During a rainfall event, small particles of dirt are lifted and carried into our drainage system. These particles, if not properly contained, can travel offsite and into our neighboring properties. With a well-maintained paved road and good storm water controls such as the sediment knockout basins we have surrounding our site, we are able to virtually eliminate this risk.

