

AN IMPORTANT “FIRST” FOR THE KITSAP PENINSULA

Waste Management christens 20 new “clean air trucks” and green fueling station

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Commitment to clean air and community partnership drives company investment

KITSAP COUNTY, Wash., Nov. 3, 2016 – Recycling and garbage collection are about to get cleaner and quieter on the Kitsap Peninsula, thanks to a new investment announced today by Waste Management.

The environmental services company will host elected officials this afternoon from the City of Bremerton, City of Port Orchard and Kitsap County to celebrate the launch of 20 new trucks powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) and a new CNG fueling station at the company’s facility on Barney White Road in Port Orchard.

The new trucks and fueling station represent an investment from Waste Management of more than \$8 million in the community.

“This is an important ‘first’ for the Kitsap Peninsula, and it’s all about clean air and community partnership,” said Adam Winston, director of operations for Waste Management-Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. “Transitioning to natural gas trucks to serve communities and businesses on the Kitsap Peninsula shows Waste Management is listening to our customers and championing local efforts to protect the environment and support a vibrant economy.”

The new trucks are powered by clean-burning compressed natural gas for a smaller carbon footprint, including nearly zero air particulate emissions and 20 percent less greenhouse gas emissions. The truck engines also run quieter than traditional diesel engines, resulting in quieter trucks and less noise on neighborhood streets and in business districts.

Waste Management pioneered the use of natural gas for recycling and garbage trucks beginning in the early 1990s. Today, the company operates more than 5,000 CNG-powered vehicles - the largest fleet of CNG recycling and waste trucks in North America. This includes more than 360 CNG vehicles in Washington.

Waste Management operates 93 CNG fueling stations in North America. The new fueling station in Port Orchard is the company’s fifth station in Washington.

Waste Management is a strong local employer, providing 82 jobs in Kitsap County. The company provides collection services for the City of Bremerton, City of Port Orchard and Kitsap County. The company also operates Olympic View Transfer Station, which is owned by Kitsap County.



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About Waste Management

Waste Management is the leading provider of recycling and environmental services in the Pacific Northwest and North America. We provide innovative sustainability solutions for communities and businesses, from curbside collection with CNG trucks for a smaller carbon footprint to waste reduction programs that turn food scraps into compost for healthy gardens. The company uses waste that cannot be recycled to generate renewable energy, enough to power 15,000 homes in the Pacific Northwest. For more information, go to www.ThinkGREEN.com or www.wmnorthwest.com.

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