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**Waste Management Implements Automated  
Collection for All Residential Customers in Solana Beach  
Program begins week of Nov. 13**

**SOLANA BEACH, Nov. 1, 2006** – Residents of Solana Beach will begin receiving automated carts for collection of their trash and recyclables from the city's waste hauler, Coast Waste Management, starting the week of Nov. 13.

What this means is that starting the week of November 20 instead of providing their own cans for manual collection by Waste Management service providers, residents will instead utilize "carts" supplied by the company. The carts are collected by a truck equipped with a mechanical arm that lifts the trash and recycling containers from the street and empties the containers' contents into the truck, without the driver leaving the cab.

Greenwaste collection will continue to be performed manually, so residents will receive stickers to place on their own greenwaste cans.

Residents will receive one 96 or 64 gallon gray cart for trash and one 96 or 64 gallon blue cart for all recyclables, including paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum and plastic. The carts are equipped with wheels to make it easier to put them at the curb. Carts will be delivered from starting November 14<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>.

For those who do not wish to keep their old trash cans or recycling crates, Waste Management will collect and recycle the containers. Residents can drop them off during the weeks of Nov. 20 through Nov. 24 and Nov. 27 through Dec. 1 at the roll-off trash containers located at the Public Works Yard on Highland Avenue, or Waste Management will collect those left by the customers at their curbs on Saturday, Dec. 2. Residents are asked to have their old cans and crates at the curb by 6:30 a.m.

"We look forward to providing the residents of Solana Beach with the same service they expect in a new, more efficient manner through our automated service program," said Ken Ryan, district manager of Coast Waste Management in Carlsbad. "There are a number of benefits to automated service: flexibility and convenience for our customers because of the standard-sized carts with wheels provided by Waste Management; easier recycling because of the single, commingled recycling cart; a neater appearance in the neighborhoods because of the uniform carts; and more efficient service from the automated trucks, which means our vehicles spend less time on your roads and in your neighborhoods."

Waste Management performed a successful pilot of this program for approximately 110 homes in the Barbara Avenue and Patty Hill Drive neighborhood.

[The desire to provide enhanced recycling opportunities for the city's residents is the driving force for the new cart system.]

Coast Waste Management customer service can be reached at 1-800-386-7783.

*Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America.*

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