

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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NEWS from Waste Management's Eagle Valley Recycle and Disposal Facility

2019 Site Activities

In 2019, Waste Management completed another overlay liner between the newer Cell 12 and the old Cell 1 at Eagle Valley. Residents in the area may have seen this work taking place on their drives on Silver Bell Rd. This overlay liner system ensures that leachate (liquid and precipitation that collects in Cell 12) will be managed separately from Cell 1.



Cell 12 Overlay Liner to Cell 1 - Looking to the southwest

Waste Management Eagle Valley RDF receives Orion Chamber Recognition

In December of 2019, Waste Management was recognized by the Orion Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by Orion Township, for our efforts to preserve and maintain wildlife at this local landfill.

Yes, not only do we manage your waste, but the site is Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) <https://www.wildlifehc.org/> certified and recognized by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) <https://www.nwf.org/> for providing important habitat for pollinators.

Orion Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

IMPACT
2019
AWARDS



WM Community Relations Representative, Kathleen Klein & Orion Township Supervisor, Chris Barnett



Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility

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Hours: **Mon – Fri** - 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sat – 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

LANDFILL CONCERNS HOTLINE

877-360-8582

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866-797-9018

In the interest of reducing paper waste, WM will no longer be mailing these newsletters. They will be posted to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/kathleen.klein.9400> and posted to the Eagle Valley website under the "NEWS" tab at <http://eaglevalleylandfill.wm.com/news/index/jsp>. Please share with other community members, friends and family.

RECYCLING - Opportunity from Crisis – WM is investing in the future

WM is not waiting for markets to improve. We are investing in the future of recycling, and in new technologies:

• **Waste Management makes continued investments in recycling.** With over a billion dollars already invested in our recycling infrastructure, we invested over \$100M in 2018, will invest over \$100M this year, and expect to invest comparable amounts in the coming years. We remain committed to investing in our recycling infrastructure.

• **WM has announced three new multi-million-dollar facilities so far this year.** We are not only building new facilities, we are also upgrading our existing facilities to handle more material, more efficiently.

• **We have over 100 installations of new technologies in process this year – from optical sorting to robotics to AI technologies.** Our “recycling facility of the future” is in the start-up phase outside of Chicago and will officially open in Q1 2020, paving the way for the next generation of recycling.

Waste Management believes the recycling industry is resilient and adaptable, and that the current market conditions for recyclables are temporary. Despite the ups and downs of commodities markets and the complexities of international trade, recycling is about commerce and long-term

environmental stewardship. We expect recycling to thrive for generations to come.

Market changes that will last

Although the past two years were difficult, they led to a reevaluation of global recycling programs and an infusion of attention and focus on why we recycle, and what we need to do to ensure healthy recycling programs. Market demand dynamics are key – and several states (Michigan is one of them) are creating market development programs for recyclables.

Markets are also adapting. Over a dozen new paper mills and mill expansions have been announced in the U.S. alone. Paper mills are increasing their use of recycled feedstock, and domestic markets for recycled plastics are developing. As government and private sector initiatives drive higher demand for recycled content use in products, we expect to see additional demand for feedstocks we can provide.

Waste Management feels strongly that with careful investments in technologies, ongoing and growing consumer demand and municipal contracts that properly reflect new market conditions, the recycling industry will survive this global adjustment and be stronger than ever.

WASTE MANAGEMENT Q3 2019 RECYCLING SNAPSHOT



OVER 15 MILLION TONS RECYCLED IN 2018



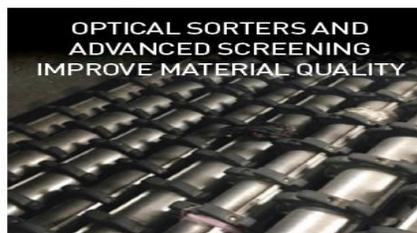
Record Amount of Recycled Materials in 147 Recycling Facilities



SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING CONTAMINATION REDUCTION



30% reduction in contamination due to recycling education and investment in technology.



RECYCLING VOLUMES UP 2.4%

YTD September 2019 vs YTD September 2018
Commercial and C&D driving growth

For recycling guidance visit <https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/recycle-right>