

Waste Management Wins Greater Austin Chamber Environmental Award

The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce awarded Waste Management a 2009 Greater Austin Business Award for outstanding environmental efforts. Waste Management was among other large business finalists in the Environment category that included Freescale Semiconductor, LCRA, Spansion, and SEMATECH. In Central Texas, Waste Management has focused its efforts on consumer and industrial recycling, preserving wildlife habitats, and bringing waste-based green energy to the community. Specific Waste Management environmental initiatives include:

Recycling

- Waste Management serves more than 2,500 recycling customers
- Waste Management and Sony hosted free, day-long "Take Back" e-recycling event in 2008, collecting 150,000 pounds of unwanted electronics
- Asphalt shingles recycling
- Construction and demolition debris recycling
- Tree recycling

Green Energy

- Waste Management's landfill gas-to-energy plant converts landfill gas into "green" power – enough to power 6,000 homes
- 100 percent of this green power is delivered to Dell to power its corporate headquarters

Wildlife Habitat Park

- 30-acre Wildlife Habitat Park in Northeast Austin
- One of only 24 Waste Management parks to receive International Wildlife Habitat (delete Council) certification
- Two-mile walking trail, butterfly garden, bee pollinator garden

