



Houston Earth Day 2002

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Waste Management Inc. to Sponsor Houston Earth Day 2002

The Citizens' Environmental Coalition (CEC) and the Rice University Environmental Club (REC) are proud to announce that Waste Management, Inc. has signed on as the title sponsor for the largest environmentally-oriented Earth Day celebration in the city: *Houston Earth Day 2002*.

“With Houston as the home of our corporate headquarters, we are glad to support the community by participating in Houston Earth Day 2002,” states A. Maurice Myers, WM Chairman, President and CEO. “This celebration offers Houstonians an opportunity to exchange ideas and learn from each other. At WM, we feel that events like this further our commitment to being a part of the environmental solution.”

“This is truly an exciting new partnership for Houston. As the nation’s largest waste service provider, Waste Management deals with environmental issues on a daily basis and understands the importance of the concerns facing the Houston community,” explained Alesha Herrera, Houston Earth Day 2002 Chair. “The CEC is delighted to be working with such an environmentally-minded group of people on this wonderful new event.”

Waste Management, Inc. is the industry's leading provider of comprehensive waste management services. Based in Houston, the company serves municipal, commercial, industrial, and residential customers throughout North America.

Houston Earth Day 2002 is a free event that will feature displays and demonstrations with an environmental focus, interactive and educational booths by local environmental non-profit groups, performances by local and regional musicians, and opportunities for visitors to take concrete action on behalf of their environment. The event will be held at Rice University on April 13, from 10am until 6pm. For more information on *Houston Earth Day 2002*, please visit the website at www.HoustonEarthDay.org.

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