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Community Involvement



## Why raise awareness?

► Solid Waste impacts the beauty, health and quality of our communities

► We need to keep our communities clean to foster pride and respect for our environment and for our future generations



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Because we are forgetting, and we need to be reminded of our impacts



As community members need to be involved in the process because we are the primary generators of the waste



We need to change our social behaviors, and we do this by example



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Collection programs are not static and require periodic adjustments over time. Whether to reinvigorate stagnant recovery rates, reduce contamination, or simply adjust to changing conditions, it's important for programs to evolve over time

We need to communicate those changes

## How to raise awareness: 2 different ways





Host a Waste Management event

Collaborate with Community event organizers



#### Host a WM Event

- New service open house
- Kiosk to get the information out
- Host an event to relay specific program changes
- Waste Management waste diversion fresh and make it a habit
- Repeat the 4 Rs Refuse, Reduce, Re-use, and lastly Recycle.
- Low-waste Market
- Community wide yard-sale

# Collaborate with Community event organizers/organizations



- Set up at the event to be visible
- Be prepared to provide information/specifics
- Work with the event organizers to provide waste diversion solutions
- Provide community members the opportunities and tools to do change their habits.

# Work with event organizers to provide waste diversion solutions

- Suggest reducing or eliminating single use items with early communications
- Provide dish washing stations
- Provide Compost bins
- Recycling bins
- Refundable container bins
- Waste bins (all waste disposal options should be available next to each other)



### Be prepared!

CREATE AN EVENTS CALENDAR
- IN THE BEGINNING, WE WERE
SCRAMBLING TO PARTICIPATE IN
EVENTS, NOW WE ARE
PREPARED BEFORE IT IS EVEN
ANNOUNCED - IE. POWWOW











Share your Ideas

Questions?

