

Your Community Connection

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News from Waste Management's Pine Tree Acres Landfill

Say Hello to the Recycling Raccoons

The Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) wants Michiganders to get better at proper recycling. What better way to do that than to hire some talented and adorable Recycling Raccoons to create some fun, eye-catching videos to entertain us while they educate. You can learn more about this new recycling campaign by visiting <https://recyclingraccoons.org/>.

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>; Twitter at <https://twitter.com/kathyklein4> and posted to the Pine Tree Acres website under the "NEWS" tab at <http://pinetreeacreslandfill.wm.com/news/index.jsp>.



Remember why recycling is important:

- 1) Recycling reduces energy consumption
- 2) Saves resources – by saving energy and repurposing materials
- 3) Reduces Greenhouse Gases – GHG's are attributed to impacting Global Climate Change



Waste Management feels the effects of global climate change. That's why, in the interest of health and safety, we kept our drivers inside during bitter cold days in the winter. In the summer, we got our drivers on the road earlier in the morning to keep them out of the afternoon heat. We appreciate our customers' understanding in these situations.



You can learn more about Waste Management and our efforts to preserve and protect the environment by visiting these links:

WM YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1zzK9twiul>

Meet Susan Robinson, WM Director of Sustainability. She spoke in a recent podcast and at the national Conference of Mayors about optimistic improvements taking place in recycling. <https://soundcloud.com/nothingwasted/how-optimism-mixed-with-waste-recycling-makes-a-storied-career-with-susan-robinson-of-waste-management>



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Call for current hours of operation as hours may change seasonally.
Monday-Friday 6 a.m. -4:30 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Recycling Hours
Every day during normal business hours

For tours or public education presentations, please call the site.

LANDFILL CONCERNS HOTLINE
1-877-360-8582

WM CUSTOMER SERVICE
1-866-797-9018

Please keep these numbers handy.



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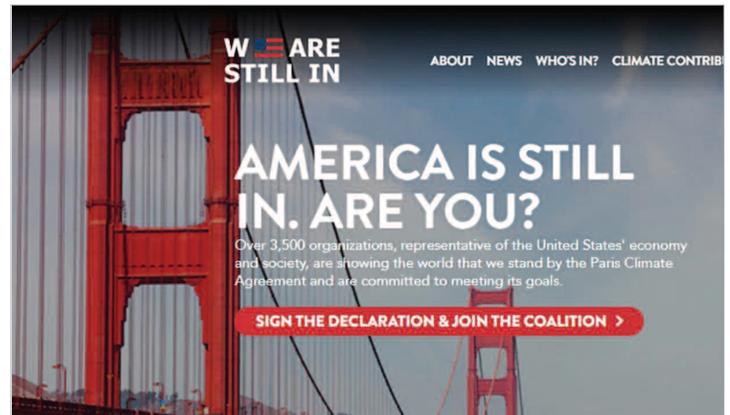
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WM Joins the “We Are Still In” Coalition to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Waste Management joined more than 3,780 businesses, investors, governmental agencies, universities and faith groups in committing to climate action in support of the landmark Paris Agreement. As a signatory of the ‘We Are Still In’ coalition, Waste Management pledged to do its part to help offset Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and stem the causes of climate change.

“Waste Management’s support of ‘We Are Still In’ aligns with our values and vision for the future,” said Jim Fish, president and chief executive officer of Waste Management. “We’ve set a high bar for ourselves. Over the next 20 years, we intend for our waste solutions and services to result in an overall offset of GHG emissions four times greater than generated by our own operations. The people and planet we serve deserve our best efforts and boldest thinking, so we’ll continue to step up and be a leader for this important initiative.”

Read more about our commitment to the environment in our 2018 Sustainability Report: <http://sustainability.wm.com/downloads/report.php>



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Pine Tree Acres Site Activities

We are currently filling in cells 24 and 25 and started construction of cell liner in cell 26 (end of June) and the earthwork and liner for cell 27.

For Cell 27, WM will be installing a double composite liner because there is less than 10 feet of native clay beneath the liner and between the nearest underground aquifer, as required by State regulations.



WM also installed netting to the south of cells 24 and 25 to capture blow-away debris and keep it from getting in the nearby trees.

The area to the south end of the site near 28 Mile Rd has also seen a lot of activity this summer. We are doing what is called airspace/slope recovery, filling in with waste where we still have air space available before meeting final elevations in this area. We will be placing soil for cover, as well as prepping elevations for final cover in these areas. Final cover will consist of the following layers from the bottom up: 18 inches of clay, 40 mil Linear Low Density Polyethylene (LLDPE) plastic membrane covered with a geosynthetic drainage layer, 2 feet of protective soil and then topsoil to support final seeding.



In this photo you can see how rather than soil for cover, Waste Management uses an approved “fabrisoil” to cover areas where we will be going back to work the next day.