

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Watson Michael J.</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>WASTE MANAGEMENT INC [ WM ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. VP-Chief Customer Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1001 FANNIN STREET</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,204	D	
Common Stock	2,329.28	I	By 401(k) Plan

## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	03/08/2014	03/08/2023	Common Stock	4,895	36.885	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	03/09/2012	03/09/2021	Common Stock	727	37.185	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	03/07/2015	03/07/2024	Common Stock	7,865	41.37	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2016	02/25/2025	Common Stock	7,342	54.635	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	02/26/2017	02/26/2026	Common Stock	6,530	56.235	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2018	02/28/2027	Common Stock	5,443	73.335	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	02/20/2019	02/20/2028	Common Stock	3,528	85.34	D

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock option granted pursuant to Waste Management, Inc. 2009 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock option vests 25% on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant with the remaining 50% on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
2. Stock option granted pursuant to Waste Management, Inc. 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock option vests 25% on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant with the remaining 50% on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

## Remarks:

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/s/ Michael J. Watson

10/03/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of John Tsai, Courtney Tippy and Debra Woods as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a reporting person of Waste Management, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and any Form 144, Form 8-K or other form required to be filed relating to the transaction covered by such report (collectively, the "Required Forms");

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Required Forms and timely file such Required Forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange, or other authority or body; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by any of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as any of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes may approve in the discretion of any such person.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact or their substitutes full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any of such attorneys-in-fact, or the substitute or substitutes of any of such attorneys-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act or any other law, rule or regulation.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Required Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17 day of September, 2018.

Signature:        /s/Michael J. Watson  
Name:             Michael J. Watson