



## WASTE CONNECTIONS INCREASES STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

**FOLSOM, CA, July 25, 2005** - Waste Connections, Inc. (NYSE: WCN) today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a \$100 million increase to its existing \$200 million common stock repurchase program. The Board also extended the program's term through March 31, 2007. Stock repurchases may be made in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions from time to time at management's discretion. The timing and amounts of any repurchases will depend on many factors, including the Company's capital structure, the market price of the common stock and overall market conditions.

Ronald J. Mittelstaedt, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "This increase raises the total authorized repurchase program to \$300 million over approximately a three year period. Our strong operating performance, free cash flow and capital structure enable us to both execute our growth strategy and return cash to stockholders through the repurchase of approximately 6% of outstanding shares per year under the program."

Waste Connections, Inc. is an integrated solid waste services company that provides solid waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services in mostly secondary markets in the Western and Southern U.S. The Company serves more than one million residential, commercial and industrial customers from a network of operations in 22 states. The Company also provides intermodal services for the movement of containers in the Pacific Northwest. Waste Connections, Inc. was founded in September 1997 and is headquartered in Folsom, California. For more information, visit the Waste Connections web site at [www.wasteconnections.com](http://www.wasteconnections.com)

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*discussed in greater detail in Waste Connections' filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K. There may be additional risks of which Waste Connections is not presently aware or that it currently believes are immaterial which could have an adverse impact on its business. Waste Connections makes no commitment to revise or update any forward-looking statements in order to reflect events or circumstances after the date any such statement is made.*

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