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The Peabody Orlando Enhances Sustainability Initiatives With New Composting Program

Orlando, Fla...The Peabody Orlando is pleased to announce the launch its new Organics Recycling Program, which kicked off Tuesday, September 20. The compost program is in partnership with Waste Management, Inc. of Florida and is the first of its kind in the Orlando-area. The Peabody Orlando plans to roll out the new program in the hotels banquet kitchen and looks to expand the initiative to all of its other food and beverage outlets in the near future.

“We are pleased to be one of the first hotel properties in Orlando to launch such a program,” stated Michael Jueds, director of engineering, The Peabody Orlando. “At The Peabody Orlando we have always been conscious about the environment and making our hotel as green as possible. With our new Organics Recycling Program we look forward to further reducing our carbon footprint in the community, while also becoming a local leader in the hospitality industry.”

Currently, The Peabody Orlando utilizes six compost containers for its program. Twice a week, Waste Management, Inc. of Florida collects the compost and transports it to its newest facility in Apopka, Fla. Once at the facility, the waste is composted for 60-days, and then is used as a soil amendment to grow produce or in landscaping projects.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with The Peabody Orlando for the initial launch of our organics program in Orlando,” stated Domenica Farmer, director of sales for Waste Management, Inc. of Florida. “With over 80 million tons of organic waste generated each year in the United States, we look forward to meeting the needs of consumers and businesses across Central Florida who are looking to divert food and other organic wastes from landfills.”

The new Organics Recycling Program is one of The Peabody Orlando’s many sustainability efforts which include water conservation, initiatives to promote indoor air quality and the hotel’s state-of-the-art energy management system. The Peabody Orlando further demonstrates its commitment to the environment by supporting various community programs such as the Adopt-A-Road program, Clean the World and Feeding America, and also trains and certifies all of its associates on the hotel’s Environmental Policy.

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About The Peabody Orlando:

The Peabody Orlando, opened in November 1986, is a staple in the Orlando-area convention and tourism industry and famous for its Peabody Ducks. The hotel has received the prestigious *Forbes Travel Guide* Four Star rating for 22 consecutive years. Located directly across from and adjacent to the Orange County Convention Center and in the heart of the International Drive entertainment district, The Peabody Orlando currently offers 1,641 ultra-luxurious guestrooms, 300,000 total square feet of state-of-the-art, flexible function space, a 22,000-square-foot, full-service spa, salon

and fitness center and ten delectable dining and entertainment options. Peabody Hotels, comprising The Peabody Orlando, The Peabody Memphis and The Peabody Little Rock (all Forbes Travel Guide Four Star rated hotels) is a division within the portfolio Peabody Hotel Group of Memphis, Tennessee. To learn more, please visit www.PeabodyOrlando.com or www.PeabodyMeetings.com, connect on [Facebook](#) or follow on [Twitter](#).

About Waste Management, Inc.:

Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is the largest residential recycler in North America as well as a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.