

WASTE MANAGEMENT INC

Form 8-K

March 09, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 9, 2004**

**Waste Management, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

Delaware  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)**

1-12154  
**(Commission File Number)**

73-1309529  
**(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)**

1001 Fannin, Suite 4000 Houston,  
Texas  
**(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)**

77002  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's Telephone number, including area code: (713) 512-6200**

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**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On March 9, 2004, Waste Management, Inc. (the Company ) filed a prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, to its registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-97697) (the Registration Statement ), to register the issuance of shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock ), upon exercise of outstanding warrants of the Company.

The Company is filing legal opinions issued in connection with these issuances of its shares of Common Stock as exhibit 5.1 hereof, to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Date: March 9, 2004

By: /s/ Rick L Wittenbraker

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Rick L Wittenbraker  
*Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Assistant Secretary*

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