

Shea Patrick James  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Shea Patrick James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.  
 [WCN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, General Counsel & Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 10001 WOODLOCH FOREST DRIVE, SUITE 400  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/10/2012

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/10/2012		A	8,387 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0		D
Common Stock	02/11/2012		F	737 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 31.48		D
Common Stock	02/11/2012		F	1,018 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 31.48		D
Common Stock	02/11/2012		F	2 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 31.48		D
Common Stock	02/11/2012		F	3 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 31.48		D

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Common Stock      02/11/2012      F      772 <sup>(1)</sup> D      \$ 31.48      36,795      D

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shea Patrick James 10001 WOODLOCH FOREST DRIVE SUITE 400 THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380			VP, General Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

Patrick Shea      02/14/2012  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Represents shares withheld by the Company from an award of restricted stock units in satisfaction of the applicable withholding taxes due as a result of the vesting of those restricted stock units, through an automatic share withholding procedure. Pursuant to this procedure, the Company withholds, as the units vest, a portion of the vested shares issuable under the award with a fair market value (measured as of the vesting date) equal to the amount of such withholding.

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- This represents an award of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the
- (2) issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the award shall vest in four equal, annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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