

Thibodeaux Gregory  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Thibodeaux Gregory                        |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC. [WCN]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 01/01/2011   |  |
| 2295 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 200           |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| FOLSOM, CA 95630                          |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | Vice President   |  |

**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                    | 1,125 <sup>(1)</sup>                                  | D  | ^   |
| Common Stock                    | 1,575 <sup>(2)</sup>                                  | D  | ^   |
| Common Stock                    | 2,025 <sup>(3)</sup>                                  | D  | ^   |
| Common Stock                    | 2,301 <sup>(4)</sup>                                  | D  | ^   |
| Common Stock                    | 2,678 <sup>(5)</sup>                                  | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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|   |   |  |   |   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br><small>(Month/Day/Year)</small> | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|   | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date   |   |   |   |
|   |   | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                                      |   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Thibodeaux Gregory<br>2295 IRON POINT ROAD<br>SUITE 200<br>FOLSOM, CA 95630 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

Gregory  
Thibodeaux

01/31/2011

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
  - (1) This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/14/06. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in one installment on 2/14/11.
  - (2) This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/1/07. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in two equal installments commencing on 2/1/11.
  - (3) This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/5/08. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in three equal installments commencing on 2/5/11.
  - (4) This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/11/09. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in four equal installments commencing on 2/11/11.
  - (5) This represents restricted stock units originally awarded 2/11/10. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. Subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer, the remainder of the award shall vest and the underlying shares of common stock shall be issued in four equal installments commencing on 2/11/11.

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