



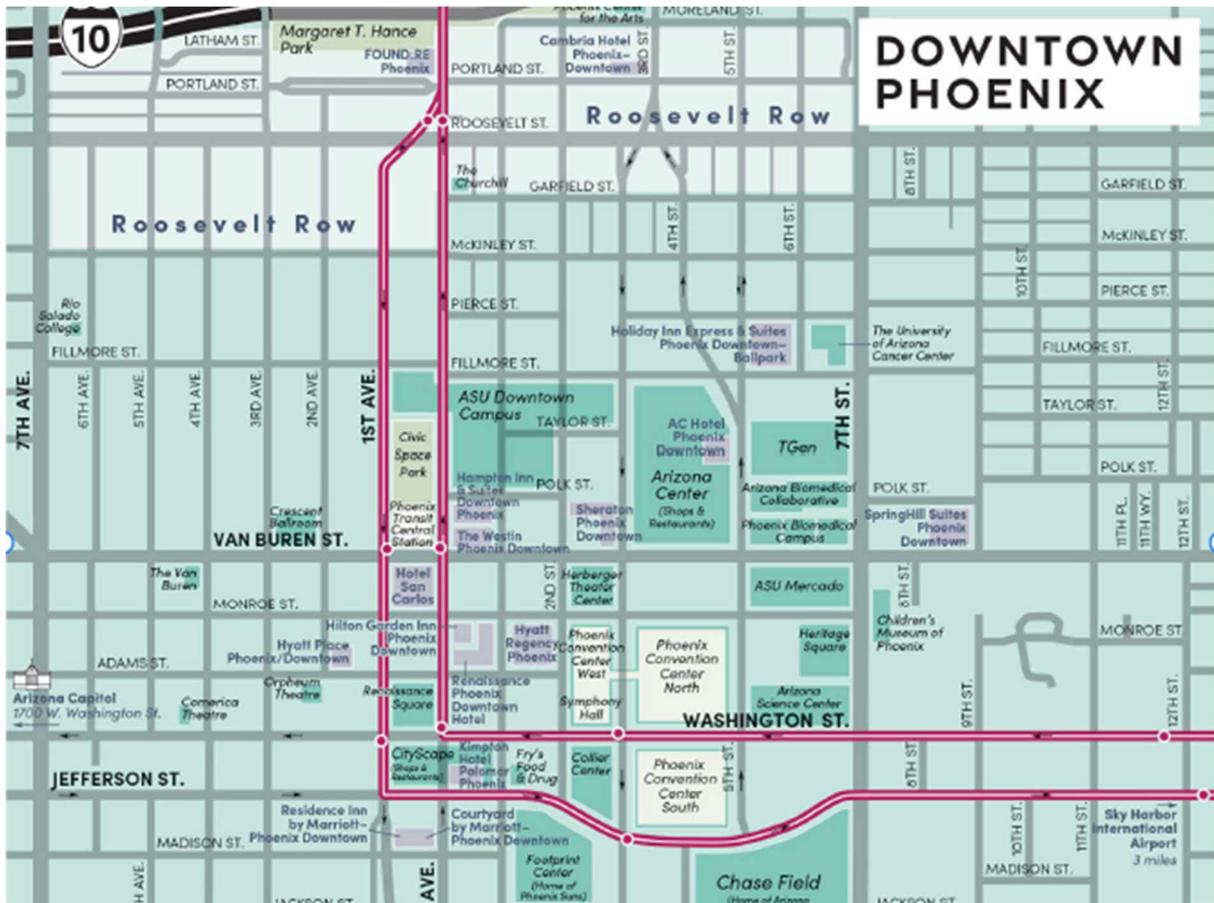
WM2026 Orientation Primer for First Time Attendees

Welcome to WM2026!

The annual Waste Management Conference, presented by WM Symposia, Inc., attracts thousands of registrants from around the world. The conference is widely regarded as the leading global conference for the management of radioactive materials and related topics. WM2026 is the 52nd annual conference taking place 8-12 March 2026 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

This document provides you with background information for the key conference events, as well as key Points of Contact in case you require assistance.

Please download the conference mobile APP from the APP Store (Apple) or the Google Play Store (Android) for access to the conference schedule and features. Search for “WM Symposia 2026” for the Android Phone and “WM2026” for the Apple Phone. **Your WM Symposia profile login is your login for the APP.** The APP has many features to assist with your conference experience. It’s the best way to connect with the technical program schedule and connect with your existing and new contacts! We encourage you to download the APP before you arrive at the conference because you can acquaint yourself with conference happenings and find the answers to most, if not all, of your questions – right at your fingertips.



The WM2026 Conference will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center, which is located at 100 North 3rd Street (see illustration above).

Most Attendees arrive at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Transportation options from the airport to the hotels include:

1. The Sky Train and the Metro Valley Light Rail – These are the most economical options. Information can be obtained at the Information Desk at the airport.
2. Taxis are available just outside of baggage claim. Most hotels are located approximately 5 miles from the airport and should only take around 10 minutes and cost approximately \$20.
3. Uber/Lyft/Limousine/Private Driver – These can be booked through their respective mobile APP or online.

After you arrive at your hotel, you may go to the main conference Registration at the Phoenix Convention Center to pick up your badge and connect to the conference Wi-Fi using:

Login Name: WM2026
Password: WMSYM2026

Registration opens Saturday morning at the Phoenix Convention Center, and Saturday afternoon at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix and the Renaissance Hotel.

Here is the schedule:

Phoenix Convention Center (North 300 Level, Foyer)

Saturday: 0800-1700

Sunday: 0800-2000

Hyatt Regency (Lobby)

Saturday: 0800-1900

Sunday: 0800-1500

Renaissance Hotel (Lobby)

Saturday: 0800-1900

Sunday: 0800-1500

You can also find details for WM2026 on the WM Symposia website at <https://www.wmsym.org/>. You should have received a “Before You Go” email on February 20th with additional details.

If you are a First Time Attendee, or you haven’t attended the conference recently, please attend the orientation on Sunday afternoon 1600-1700 in the Exhibit Hall (Scientific Stage), Level Three, North Building of the Phoenix Convention Center. This orientation is open to all registrants and guests. No pre-registration is needed – please access the orientation through the Exhibit Hall E door as the exhibit hall does not open until **1700**.

If you are a presenter or co-chair of a technical session, you are required to attend the Speakers’ Breakfast on the day of your session. The Speakers’ Breakfast is held every morning, Monday through Thursday, at the Phoenix Convention Center, North Building, Room 120D. The buffet-style breakfast is open from 0700-0800 each day. Tables are set up for co-chairs and speakers to meet and discuss details of how the sessions will be run. Look for your session number on the individual tables to locate your table and session peers.

The conference wraps up with a closing reception on Thursday afternoon, 12 March. The reception will be held on Level Two, North Building of the Phoenix Convention Center, from 1625-1730.

If you have any questions during the conference, please do not hesitate to contact one of the following individuals for help:

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