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### **Public Invited to Tour the South Wake Landfill**

Wake County's population has officially exceeded one million residents. Have you ever wondered what happens to the trash generated by one million people? Now is your chance to find out by taking a [free tour of the South Wake Landfill](#) later this month.

Landfill tours will take place at 9:30 and 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25. These free tours give residents the opportunity to learn what happens to their garbage, where they can recycle household items too large to collect at the curb, how to safely dispose of common hazardous household items and how the county is turning household garbage into a [renewable energy source](#).

In addition to touring the active South Wake Landfill, participants will get to ride through a multi-material recycling drop-off facility, a convenience center, a household hazardous waste drop-off facility, ride to the top of a closed landfill and visit a landfill gas-to-energy facility. The tours take place at the South Wake Solid Waste Management Facilities, located at 6160 Old Smithfield Road in Apex.

Tours are held by Wake County's Solid Waste Management Division staff and offered to Wake County residents, eight years of age and older. Online registration is required, as seats are limited. Tours last approximately one hour and participants are required to ride in a multi-passenger vehicle around the approximately 700 acre facility. To learn about the tours, visit the [Wake County Solid Waste Management Division website](#).

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