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Reserve Your Seat for a Tour of the South Wake Landfill

Tours resume March 17

Wake County residents generate an average of five pounds of trash per person, per day. As Wake County grows, so does the amount of trash it produces. Wake County's [Solid Waste Management Division](#) invites residents to [take a free tour](#) of the South Wake Landfill in Apex this spring to learn what happens to their garbage when it leaves the curb and how to reduce the amount of waste that goes in the county's landfill.

Tours of the 700-acre facility are currently scheduled from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, March 17 (tour is full)
Wednesday, April 11
Saturday, May 12
Wednesday, June 13

The [South Wake Landfill](#) is the destination for most trash collected in the county, as well as garbage collected at Wake County's many waste [drop off facilities](#). Approximately 400,000 tons of garbage are

disposed of at the landfill each year. The total amount has increased between two and three percent each year for the past five years.

During the tours, participants tour the site in a bus while learning what items should not be put in the trash, how to increase recycling and how to reduce waste at home. Participants will also learn how the [Landfill Gas](#) program is turning trash into energy.

Tours are open to Wake County residents, 8 years of age and older. Online registration is required, as seats are limited. To register or learn more, visit [our website](#).

About the Wake County Solid Waste Management Division

The Wake County Solid Waste Management Division provides waste disposal and recycling services to residents and businesses in Wake County. The division manages 17 waste facilities including a landfill, waste transfer station, residential waste and recycling convenience centers, household hazardous waste and multi-material recycling drop-off facilities. To learn more, visit www.wakegov.com/recycling.

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