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Discover What Happens to Your Trash after It Leaves the Curb

Free public landfill tour dates announced for 2019

Did you know that each Wake County resident generates an average of five pounds of trash every single day? Ever wonder where all that waste ends up once it's left the curb?

Wake County's [Solid Waste Management Division](#) invites residents to [take a free tour](#) of the South Wake Landfill in Apex to learn what happens to their trash and how to reduce the amount of waste that goes in the landfill.

Tours of the 750-acre facility run from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., and there are still several spots available for tomorrow, Jan. 16. And, don't let the chilly weather hold you back – the tour takes place from the comfort of a heated bus.

During the tours, participants travel 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.

Here's a complete list of upcoming 2019 tour dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 16
Saturday, Feb. 9
Wednesday, March 6
Saturday, April 6
Wednesday, May 8
Saturday, June 8

The [South Wake Landfill](#) is the destination for most trash collected in the county, as well as trash collected at Wake County's many [waste drop off facilities](#). Approximately 450,000 tons of trash are disposed of at the landfill each year. The total amount has increased around two to three percent each year for the past five years.

Tour participants must be eight years of age or older. Online registration is required because 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 19 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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