



Recycle and Solid Waste Operations Tour Details

Overview:

- Site tours are approx. 90 minutes, not including transit.
- Tours begin between 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. (Later tours may be available by special arrangement. Facility closes at 6:00pm)
- **Tours are appropriate for 3rd grade and higher.**
- Tours are customized and are subject to immediate changes due to safety considerations.
- Participants are welcome to request customized tours.
- Educational materials:
 - [History of Trash](#)
 - [Student Guide](#)

Standard Tour:

- Consists of a classroom component and a driving tour of the site.
- The classroom component typically includes a 13-minute video, a Power Point presentation and questions with the tour guide.
- The driving tour typically takes 40 minutes and may include visits to the scale house, tipping floor, hand unload, mulching station, the Waste-to-Energy plant, landfill, and the HEC₃ center for recycling chemicals and electronics.
 - Tour participants would exit vehicles if visiting the HEC₃ facility; otherwise entire tour is within the touring vehicle.
 - Tour components subject to change.
 - A tour will vary based on the size and mobility of the group, the vehicle, the time frame, the interest, visitor participation, weather and conditions on site.

Transportation and group size:

- Free bus transportation may be available for educational groups residing in Pinellas County. Groups must consist of 21 or more participants and are for visitors 3rd grade and higher.
- Pinellas County maintains the option to extend or cancel bus rental to any group at any time.
- Up to two buses of participants may schedule tours at any one time slot. Up to 50 per bus; confirmed at time of scheduling.
- If booking for a large party, estimate the number of children and adults per visit.
- If a group has 20 persons or less and travels to Solid Waste Operations using personal vehicles, Pinellas County will transport the participants around the site using its Fleet vehicles. Participants using Pinellas County's on-site transportation are for persons age seven and older.
- Groups are permitted to come to the facility using their own bus transportation.
- Groups located outside Pinellas County are welcome if they provide their own transportation.

Call (727) 464-7500 to schedule a tour.

Sample tour: [Student Video Tour](#)