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**Guidelines for Solid Waste Management Center Tours**  
**TOUR SAFETY**

Real time tours are a popular way for people to learn how the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center actively protects our environment in managing waste and scrap materials. Get the dirt on our Compost Facility that incorporates leading technology gleaned from around the country, and built right here in Delaware County, where food scraps, paper towels, napkins and pizza boxes, and other organics from our community become soil amendment in a matter of months. Watch first hand how we “close the loop” at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for plastics, metals and paper and turn your recyclables into program revenue. We encourage tours and we encourage safety. Here are some guidelines for a successful tour.

IMPORTANT TOUR SAFETY INFORMATION

- ▶ Group tours typically take about an 30 to 60 minutes.
- ▶ No more than 10 people (including chaperones) can normally be accommodated for any single tour. It is possible through special arrangement, to accommodate larger groups. Please ask us in advance.
- ▶ Children must be in first grade or older; this includes siblings. Chaperones must be provided by the participant in order to provide one adult for every five children under the age of 10, and/or one adult for every ten children age 10 and over.
- ▶ It is the responsibility of the chaperones to ensure respectful and safe behavior of all tour group members.
- ▶ Tours are partially indoors and partially outside, and take place regardless of the weather—please dress accordingly! Wearing full length barn clothes is recommended. This is a fully operational facility and solid waste can be a dirty business. Some of the processes involved are less than fragrant. You’ll be happier with footwear and clothing that is weather-appropriate and isn’t fazed by mud, dust or rotten tomatoes.
- ▶ All participants must wear sturdy shoes that cover the entire foot. Anyone wearing high heels, sandals, flip-flops, Croc-type clogs or other strappy/open shoes will not be allowed on the tour.
- ▶ You will be standing and walking for at least 30 minutes and will walk through multiple levels of the facility and some close spaces. Stair-climbing is involved.
- ▶ Safety rules must be complied with at all times. Since these rules are site specific, they will be explained by the tour guide at the beginning of the tour. We will provide hardhats which must be worn at all times, and optional earing protection. Keep your hands in your pockets, be aware of your surroundings, and stay with your group.
- ▶ We want your visit to be both informative and safe. To schedule a tour, please call **607-832-5800**.