



R&E Center Tour Overview

Content and Walking Route



RAMSEY/WASHINGTON
RECYCLING & ENERGY



Tour duration and focus will be tailored to fit the needs and interests of each group but will generally cover the following topics:

- Local waste system (where your trash, recyclables, food scraps go and how they are processed)
- Best practices for individuals, schools and businesses to reduce waste
- Demystifying recycling - correct ways to recycle, wishcycle, recycling markets
- Consumerism and the increase in material goods we consume and dispose
- Food waste and the Food Scraps Pickup Program
- Facility safety and operations, including recovering resources from the waste stream
- Basics of landfilling, waste-to-energy and future waste processing technologies

Standard R&E Center Tour

Tours may vary slightly in their route and facility access. Stops #5 and #6 are only accessible to older students and adults who have completed a [liability waiver](#) (will be sent to the group as necessary).

Generally, a typical tour with a community or educational group will look like the following:

Stop #1: First floor lobby

Welcome & introductions



Standard R&E Center Tour (cont.)

Stop #2: Second floor lobby

Geographic grounding of R&E Center and waste management in Ramsey and Washington counties



Stop #3: Waste system diagram

Disposal best practices activity and learning about our individual roles in the waste system



Stop #4: Tour room

Window observation of the main tip floor, facility information, waste hierarchy information



Stop #5: Food scrap line tip floor*

On-the-ground observation of food scrap tip floor, safety features (Fire Rover), odor mitigation

Note: Will encounter odor, dust and outdoor temperatures



*Waiver required for this stop

Standard R&E Center Tour (cont.)

Stop #6: Recyclable recovery system*

Access walkway for recycling recovery system line to observe scale of operations

Note: Will encounter odor, dust, outdoor temperatures and heights/bridges with open/grated walkways



*Waiver required for this stop

Stop #7: Control room

Enter and observe control room; Opportunity to ask facility staff questions about safety and operations



Stop #8: Tour room

Return to the tour room to drop off PPE (if used), answer any questions and wrap-up visit



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