

Come for a visit! We'll talk trash together!

At the Garbage Garage Education Center you'll learn all about trash—why it's a problem and what we can do about it.

The Center opened in 2003 to help educate kids and adults about reducing, reusing, and recycling, as well as landfills and household hazardous waste.

Need a speaker for your club, group, class or work unit? Give us a call at the number below. We'll come to you!

**Drop-in hours:
Tuesday, Thursday,
and Friday
10 am—2 pm**

**Call or e-mail to
schedule a tour at
another time:**

**Phone: 498-5772 or
E-mail: rwatson@larimer.org
www.larimer.org/solidwaste**

Directions

The Garbage Garage is located at the Larimer County Landfill. It's the building directly south of the entrance lanes/gatehouses. Please enter through the Recycling lane (furthest to the right). Please park in the Garbage Garage parking lot.

There is designated school bus and van parking also.

From Fort Collins:

Go south on Taft Hill Rd. past Harmony Road. The landfill is about 2 miles south of Harmony on the west side of the road.

From Loveland:

From Highway 34 (Eisenhower Blvd.), go north on Wilson Ave. Wilson turns into Taft Hill Rd. Head toward Fort Collins; the landfill is on the west side of the road just north of Trilby Road.



Larimer County Landfill
5887 S. Taft Hill Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526



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*Larimer County's
waste and recycling
education center at the
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AN ADVENTURE IN TRASH AWAITS YOU.....



You'll begin your adventure in the Garbage Garage by entering the "Mountain of Trash," a tunnel-like hallway where you'll be surrounded by trash. Meet Patty Packrat, the Garbage Garage "spokesrat," who has lots of fun facts and interesting things to say on displays in the Center.

Learn how much trash you create, where it goes and what it's made up of. (Did you know that about a third of residential trash buried in our landfill is paper?)



From there head into areas that feature displays about reducing, reusing and recycling. Learn how to make smart choices when shopping, where recyclables go when they leave the curb, and how they are made into new products. Learn more about household hazardous wastes, how to safely handle them and keep them out of the landfill and waterways.



What happens to trash in the landfill? How long does it take for a banana to decompose? Check out the worms that are making compost and take a look at our easy-to-make composters outside.

What did ancient Romans and people in the 1800's do with their trash? What will we do with it in the future? Travel the "Amazing History of Trash" timeline to find out!

You'll find all this and more at the Garbage Garage!



ACTIVITIES FOR TOUR GROUPS

Tour the Garbage Garage and add an additional site/s:

Recycling Center

Household Hazardous Waste (for older kids/adults)

Landfill

Or, try one of our activities (appropriate grade level):

- Recycling Relay (K-8)
- Water: Keep It Clean I (PS-2)
- Water: Keep It Clean II (3-8)
- Water: Keep It Clean III(9-12)
- The Lorax (PS-3)
- Summer Olympics (2-8)
- Hazardous Waste Landfill Model (4-HS)
- Making Methane (4-HS)
- Scavenger Hunt (K-12)

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