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## **TOUR THE LOS REALES LANDFILL AND RECYCLING FACILITY ON VALENTINE'S DAY**

The City of Tucson Environmental Services Department (ES) is offering a tour of the Los Reales Landfill and the ReCommunity, Inc. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Participants will be provided the opportunity to get an exclusive 'behind the scenes' view and learn how ES operates the landfill. Tour participants will also gain an in-depth understanding of how recyclables collected in the blue barrels are sorted and marketed.

The first stop will be ReCommunity's state-of-the-art recycling facility which opened in July 2012. ReCommunity has allowed ES to accept an expanded list of materials for recycling due to technology built into the equipment used for sorting materials. At the Los Reales Landfill, participants see how ES handles household hazardous waste and are even able to hear how construction of the landfill cells protects groundwater. Those on the tour will also see landfill operations and learn how methane gas generated at the landfill is used as a renewable energy source to power Tucson.

Tour participants will meet in the upper level parking lot at 4004 S. Park Avenue on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. The tour will be complete by 12:15 p.m. Those who join the tour should wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, hats and sunscreen. Drinking water will be provided. A minimum of 15 participants is needed.

The tour is available on a first come basis. If you don't have any plans, take yourself out for a treat this year by doing something completely different! If you're spending this Valentine's with someone, show your love by booking your honey and yourself for a tour of the landfill. To reserve a seat, call ES at 791-3175 by Tuesday, February 12, 2015.

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