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### **TOUR THE LOS REALES LANDFILL AND RECYCLING FACILITY FOR AMERICA RECYCLES DAY**

Since 1997, November 15<sup>th</sup> is recognized in communities across the country as America Recycles Day. It serves as an opportunity to promote recycling and to learn about how recycling benefits all of us. This year, 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 get a 'behind the scenes' view and learn how ES operates the landfill and how recyclables collected in the blue barrels are sorted and marketed.

The first stop will be the ReCommunity recycling facility which opened in July 2012. This state-of-the-art facility 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 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.

Tour participants will meet in the upper level parking lot at 4004 S. Park Avenue on Friday, November 14, 2014 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. The tour is not for children younger than age 14.

The tour is available on a first come basis. To reserve a seat, call ES at 791-3175 by Monday, November 10, 2014.

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