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LCSWMA Launches New Public Tours Program

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) recently launched a new Public Tours program, offering tours of their Transfer Station Complex in Lancaster, Waste-to-Energy Facility in Bainbridge and Frey Farm Landfill in Conestoga free of charge to individuals from the public, civic organizations, churches and other small groups.

Tours are held once a month at each site, starting at 10:00a.m., and last approximately 60-90 minutes. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required for all tours. Those interested can sign-up online at www.lcswma.org/tours. Visitors can choose one of the three sites, pick a convenient date and enter their guest information. After registering, they will receive an email confirmation with additional instructions and a copy of LCSWMA's Tour Guidelines. Highlights of the tour program includes an inside look at the daily operations of each facility, plus information on current projects and initiatives occurring at the site.

“As a component our core philosophy, we believe in providing educational opportunities for the community to learn about our facilities, operations, projects and initiatives,” says Jim Warner, CEO for LCSWMA. “We view site tours as a beneficial way for the public to learn how we serve Lancaster County and support the local community.”

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Previous to this new Public Tours program, tours were only offered to educational and industry-related groups, mainly due to site and staffing limitations. Additionally, because each site hosts active solid waste management operations and experience heavy equipment traffic, visitor safety was a consideration that limited options for tours. However over the last year, LCSWMA streamlined their tours process and purchased a tour coach which now offers the ability to expand tours to include individuals and smaller groups from the general public.

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LCSWMA is recognized nationally for its leadership in the industry and innovative approach to waste management. Its Integrated System consists of the following: (1) a Transfer Station permitted to handle up to 2,200 tons per day; (2) a 1,200 tons per day mass burn Waste-to-Energy Facility for the combustion of waste and production of electricity; (3) the Frey Farm Landfill, permitted for the disposal of 2,000 tons of waste per day; (4) a County-wide recycling program; and (5) a drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility. LCSWMA's mission is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.



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LCSWMA's coach used to shuttle visitors around its facilities, as part of their new Public Tours program.