

Landfill Tour Printable Quiz K-3

1. True or false, the Bluff Road Landfill is a busy place. About 250 garbage trucks take waste to the landfill each day.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The correct answer is false. The landfill only closes three days of the year – Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Some days the landfill gets more than 400 trucks dropping off waste, but the daily average is about 300 garbage trucks.

2. True or false, it's important to cover the garbage with dirt or canvas every night to reduce smells and litter and to keep animals and birds out of the garbage.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The correct answer is true. These are important reasons for covering the garbage each night. It does take up valuable landfill space to cover the waste with dirt, so the City uses a canvas tarp whenever possible. Workers unroll the tarp each evening and roll it up the following morning.

3. True or false, the City collects refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers and removes hazardous materials in them before they are recycled.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The correct answer is true. At the 14th Street Transfer Station, staff removes hazardous materials such as Freon gas, mercury switches and PCB capacitors from appliances and properly disposes of them. The remaining material is recycled as scrap metal. The City recycles about 1.1 million pounds of appliances and scrap metal per year.

4. True or false, the City uses satellites to map where they bury garbage each day.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The correct answer is true. Landfill workers walk the edge of the area where waste is being buried so the City can keep track of it. If needed, the City can go back to that area and dig up something.

5. True or false, workers don't pay attention to what the garbage haulers are bringing to the landfill.
 - a. True
 - b. False

The answer is false! The equipment operators have radios that allow them to talk to each other. If they see waste that should not be buried in the landfill, they will ask the garbage hauler to pick it up and properly dispose of it. Workers also periodically check some garbage trucks to make sure they aren't hauling materials that could pollute the water. If they find something, they try to determine where it came from and return it so they can dispose of it as hazardous waste.

There's a lot more to learn. Just visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov – keyword: recycle.