

Bremer County Recycling Center Tour

Grade Level: Preschool- Adult

Time Needed: 30 minutes, (Many teachers and scout leaders also schedule a visit to the Bremer County Landfill/RCC and a local recycling center during the same fieldtrip).

Location: The Bremer County Recycling Center is located at 1953 Larrabee Ave (Highway 63). It is 3.5 miles north of the Highway 63 and Highway 3 intersection.

Objective: Students will learn how recyclables from cities participating in the Bremer County Recycling Program are brought to the facility and prepared for market. Students will tour the processing building, see how the baler works and view materials ready for market on the loading dock.

- Students will be asked what their family is able to recycle in their community.
- Students will view the piles of newspaper, cardboard, milk jugs, glass, and tin cans. The center also takes office paper, phone books, plastics, and books.
- Staff will show the students how the baler compacts materials into bales weighing over 1,000 pounds. Newspaper, Steel, Cardboard, & Plastic are baled at the facility.
- Close the Recycling Loop! Students will learn what many of these recyclables are turned into. Older students will learn about current market prices for the materials, tonnage recycled each year, and trends in recycling.