



# Attention Girl Scout Leaders! Kent County DPW is here to help you!

Are you working on any of the following Try-Its, Badges or IPP's this year?  
The Kent County Department of Public Works is pleased to offer the following  
**FREE K-12 opportunities for 2007-08:**



Earth is our Home Try-It  
Environmental Health Badge  
Eco Action Badge  
Build a Better Future IPP  
Eco Action IPP  
Planet Power IPP



## Tours of the Kent County Recycling Center

Located in downtown Grand Rapids, the Materials Recovery Facility is an intermediate processing facility designed to accept residential recyclable materials. Tours are 1 hour in length and provide a classroom discussion about recycling as well as a facility tour. The recycling center is located at 322 Bartlett Street in Grand Rapids.

## Tours of the South Kent Landfill

Located in Byron Center, the South Kent Landfill is the only landfill operating in Kent County. Tours are 1 hour in length and may include a trip to the top to see the big machines in action (*weather permitting & vehicle dependent*). 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older will stop at the office for an overhead look at the landfill, and all groups will weigh in at the scalehouse. The South Kent Landfill is located at 300 100<sup>th</sup> Street in Byron Center. Please call for more details.



## Tours of the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility

*(5th grade and higher only)*

Located in downtown Grand Rapids, the WTE can process 625 tons of trash per day. Trash is converted to steam through incineration, which is used to drive electric steam turbines. Steam can also be sent to the District Heating and Cooling Operation to supplement steam needs during the winter. Waste sent to the landfill is reduced to ash, which is then landfilled. As ash, the waste is reduced 90% by volume and 70% by weight. The Waste-to-Energy Facility is located at 950 Market Street in Grand Rapids. Call (616) 235-3210 for tour information.



## Group assembly or other presentation

If transportation is a problem, we can bring a 30-40 minute presentation on the basics of the 3-R's to your troop.



Call us at (616) 336-4371 or email  
[ann.kaiser@kentcounty.org](mailto:ann.kaiser@kentcounty.org)  
for more information or to set up a tour.

