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RECYCLING FACILITY OPEN FOR *DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE*

Free Tours of the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

(WAUKESHA, WI) – The public is invited to tour the City of Milwaukee/Waukesha County Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) as a part of Doors Open Milwaukee. The annual event invites the public to explore Milwaukee's art, architecture, culture and history, and is a great opportunity for the community to tour their MRF, located at 1401 W. Mt. Vernon Ave., Milwaukee. The free, ticket-required guided tours will take place on Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Limited tickets are available online starting Tuesday, September 6 at www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org on a first come, first served basis.

Those who tour the MRF will have an opportunity to see how their recyclable materials get a second life, as they arrive from curbside containers and get sorted by workers and state-of-the-art machinery. Staff from Waukesha County, the City of Milwaukee and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful will provide the tours and answer questions. **The equipment will not be operating, but visitors are required to wear closed-toe shoes to enter.**

As part of this event, those under 18 may receive a Doors Open Milwaukee passport that can be stamped at 24 designated locations, including the MRF. To get your passports and other information, visit the Doors Open Milwaukee website at www.doorsopenmilwaukee.org

About the MRF

The MRF began operating a single sort in March of 2015 which is now sorting and processing recyclables from approximately 300,000 households served by single sort recycling programs in the 27 participating Waukesha County communities and the City of Milwaukee. The MRF is designed to process 35 tons of recyclables per hour, or 60,000 tons of recyclables per year.

For more information, visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling, call 262-896-8300 or download the free [Waukesha County Recycles](#) mobile app in Google Play and Apple App Stores. Like Waukesha County Recycles on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#)!

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