



WHERE DOES MY GARBAGE GO?



Do you know where your garbage goes? Once we take out the trash, we usually forget about it. But here in Spokane, our garbage takes an interesting journey. Watch the video to find out more, then fill out this worksheet to test your knowledge. Find out

1. People in Spokane recycle more than half their garbage every day.
True / False
2. The first step in managing waste is _____.
Reusing / Recycling / Reducing
3. Food and yard waste can only go in the garbage bin.
True / False
4. In Spokane, whatever we don't reduce, reuse, or recycle gets turned into:
Litter / Electricity / New products
5. The WTE Facility processes _____ tons of garbage every day.
6. Old paint and antifreeze are both examples of items that should be put in:
Recycling / Green Bin / Household Hazardous Waste drop-off
7. We make more garbage in the winter than in the summer.
True / False
8. The WTE facility has state-of-the-art pollution controls, to prevent dangerous gases from getting in the air.
True / False
9. The place where garbage is burned is called the _____.
Oven / Boiler / Tipping floor



10. The temperature of the fire reaches up to _____ degrees Fahrenheit.

11. The electricity created at the Waste To Energy facility is enough to power 13,000 homes.

True / False

12. The water and steam used in this process can't be reused.

True / False

13. Burning garbage at the Waste To Energy facility reduces landfill methane emissions.

True / False

14. _____ metal is removed from the ash to be recycled.

Heavy / Precious / Ferrous

15. Burning garbage reduces the amount of space it takes up in the landfill.

True / False

Now that you have seen where your garbage goes after you throw it away, take a few minutes to reflect, and remember to share what you learned with someone in your home!

16. Why is it important that we reduce the amount of garbage we make?

17. What are some ways that you can help to reduce the amount of garbage you make?

The video and more information can be found at my.spokanecity.org/solidwaste/waste-to-energy/



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