

Tajiguas Landfill Tour



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
Innovative Environmental Solutions

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Instructions

Answer these questions to the best of your ability before taking the tour, to test your knowledge about waste! Once you are finished review your answers with the answer sheet and read the explanation for each answer.

- 1) _____ **What is another word we use for garbage?**
 - a. Recycle
 - b. Waste
 - c. Resource

- 2) _____ **How long has garbage been around?**
 - a. As long as people have been on earth
 - b. 1000 years
 - c. Forever

- 3) _____ **How much garbage does the average local person make in one day?**
 - a. 1 pound
 - b. 5.2 pounds
 - c. 16 pounds

- 4) _____ **Locally, where does trash go once we throw it away?**
 - a. The ocean
 - b. Outer space
 - c. The landfill
 - d. An Incinerator



- 5) _____ **What are some common materials we can place in the recycling bin?**
- a. Glass bottles
 - b. Aluminum cans
 - c. Hard plastics
 - d. All of the above
- 6) _____ **In a landfill, how long does it take for aluminum cans to break down?**
- a. 15 weeks
 - b. 50-70 years
 - c. 200-500 years
 - d. 2,500 years
- 7) _____ **Naturally occurring materials from the earth that can be used by humans are called:**
- a. Natural Resources
 - b. Dirt
 - c. Products
 - d. None of the above
- 8) _____ **Which natural resource is plastic made from?**
- a. Sand
 - b. Oil
 - c. Trees
 - d. Coal
 - e. Natural gas
- 9) _____ **Composting is another way of recycling and consists of _____ and _____ decomposed into soil.**
- a. Glass and plastic
 - b. Rocks and stones
 - c. Food and yard waste



Determine whether these statements are true or false:

- 10) _____ **Recycling is when we process used materials into new products.**
- 11) _____ **Recycling is the ONLY way we can reduce the amount of waste we make.**
- 12) _____ **Your hand is the last hand to ever touch what you throw in the trash.**
- 13) _____ **At Tajiguas Landfill, methane is being captured and used to produce electricity.**
- 14) _____ **A battery should be thrown away in the trash.**
- 15) _____ **Tajiguas Landfill has 11 years remaining until it reaches capacity.**