

with the [Stop Hunger and Restore Earth Program, or SHARE](#). With a growing roster of schools, SHARE is asking more members of the community to offer donations to support the program and keep students fed.

Wake County couple continues learning at landfill tours after 10 years

Sharon Mahovlic and Jim Schleper have been married for 53 years and describe themselves as "each other's best friend, next to Jesus." The Fuquay-Varina residents have been attending landfill tours at least once every other year since 2015.



Jim and Sharon, who both retired from Wake County School System, are avid learners and share a passion for reducing waste in the environment. While they've been recycling in Wake County for 26 years, the couple say they still enjoy the tours because they keep gaining new insights.

"Things are always changing and it's so informative and you learn something new every time," Sharon said, when asked what keeps them coming back to the tours.

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Wake Waste MythBusters

MYTH: "Recycling is a hoax. Everything you put in your recycling bin goes to the landfill anyway."

TRUTH: Materials collected in recycling bins in Wake County are taken to a material recovery facility (MRF) where they are sorted, processed and sold to a U.S. manufacturer to be turned into new products. You can visit one MRF located in Wake County, the Sonoco Recycling Facility in Raleigh, for free and see a display of some of the materials created from your recyclables. You can also see how recyclable materials are processed and ask experts how it all works while you're there.



Upcoming Events & Ways to Get Involved

Tons of litter are left on our roads, but dedicated environmental champions like you can make a difference!

Our Outreach and Marketing team members are always active in the community. Here are some of the upcoming events where you can engage with them, learn and actively help us protect the environmental health of Wake County!

Backyard Composting Classes: This spring, we're offering several FREE classes at local libraries to teach you how to compost in your own backyard and give you the chance to win a FREE compost bin! You can check out the [event calendar](#) for all dates and locations.

Sonoco Recycling Tours: Unsure of what should and shouldn't go into your recycling bin? Our experts can help and show you how your recyclables are processed for FREE! Contact chelsea.arey@wake.gov to reserve your spot! Private tours are also available.

- April 7, 11 a.m. - noon, floor tour
- May 19, 11 a.m. - noon, floor tour
- June 9, 11 a.m. - noon, floor tour
- July 8, 11 a.m. - noon, floor tour
- Aug. 12, 11 a.m. - noon, floor tour

South Wake Landfill Tours: If you want to learn what happens to your trash when it leaves your curb, a FREE landfill tour with our environmental educators could help answer that and more! Contact sara.davarbakhsh@wake.gov to reserve your spot or click the link to see availability for a date below! Private and virtual tours are also available.

- [April 6, 10 a.m.](#)
- [April 22, 10 a.m.](#) (cohosted by [NCSciFest](#))
- [May 1, 10 a.m.](#)
- [June 12, 10 a.m.](#)

SHARE Program Donations: SHARE aims to feed children, not landfills. You can help by giving a monetary donation today! Visit [our partner's webpage](#) to learn more.

Learn more about our waste management programs at our [Outreach & Education page](#) →

Our goal is to educate Wake County residents about practices that will help us to protect the environmental health of the places they live, work and play. We welcome all feedback. If you have questions, concerns, or if this newsletter was forwarded to you and you would like to sign up to receive it, please contact [Marcus Thompson](#).

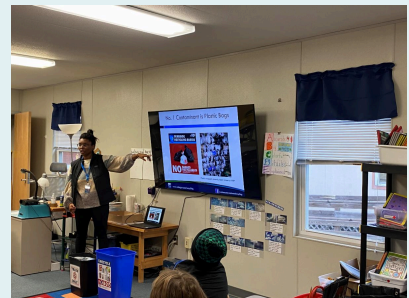
Organize a group, grab a free litter kit and be a part of the solution!

Borrow a litter kit



Hosting an outdoor event and need trash, compost or recycling receptacles? We've got you covered!

Get an event bin



Would you like an insightful presentation from one of our environmental educators? Contact us and tell us what you want to know!

Request a presentation

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