



## Recology Virtual Tour Worksheet – Middle School

Use this worksheet to accompany the Recology Virtual Tour. It will help guide you through the tour, check for understanding, and think critically about what you are learning.

### Stop #1: The Environmental Learning Center

- What is unique about the artwork we have on display here?
  
- If you were to make artwork out of things people throw away, what would you make? What materials would you use in your art project?

### Stop #2: The Artist in Residence Program

- Jo Hanson started the Artist in Residence Program as a way to use her passion for art to get people thinking about their waste. What is something that you are passionate about that you could use to get people to think differently about their waste, or make a change in the world?
  
- Which artist was your favorite, and why?

### Stop #3 Household Hazardous Waste

- What makes a material “hazardous waste?” Why do we handle it separately from your other waste?
  
- What is one household hazardous waste item you mind find in your home?



#### Stop #4: Organics Wing

- Why is compost different from regular soil?
- What two things are added to compost piles to help with decomposition?
- What makes compost a “circular” system? Do you still think it would be circular if we put the food in a landfill?
- What is (at least) one benefit of compost?

#### Stop #5: Transfer Station

- Are materials you put in the landfill bin sorted? If no, what happens if you accidentally place something recyclable or compostable in your landfill bin?
- What happens when items begin to decompose anaerobically (without oxygen)? Why is this a problem?

#### Stop #6: iMRF

- What does iMRF stand for?
- Why do you think it is important to recycle construction and demolition materials?

