University Colloquium *Focus on Sustainability*

Lee County

WASTE TO ENERGY



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Waste-to-energy plants generate electricity by taking what noone wants, and converting it into something that everyone wants, according to Jody Howard, facility manager of the Covanta energy plant in Fort Myers. The average person generates over 1,500 pounds of garbage a year. Although it may be more expensive to burn garbage to create energy, if one factors in the environmental savings in land, emissions, and safety, the equations support the bottom-line benefits of turning waste into energy. What you will see on this field trip is an example of state-of-the art technology working towards the global goal of sustainable living.

What to wear: Comfortable clothing.

What to bring: Journal opportunity