

Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Public Tours

The Lawrence Utilities Department makes water and wastewater plant tours available to the public. To date in 2014, Utilities staff conducted wastewater treatment plant tours for 386 people. Tours of the wastewater treatment plant focus on what wastewater is and where it comes from, how it is transported to the plant, liquid and solids treatment processes, beneficial use of effluent and biosolids, and awareness of items that should not be put down the drain. Water treatment plants have hosted tours to 279 people and include a focus on where our drinking water comes from, the treatment process, how it is transported to homes and businesses, and awareness of the wise use of our potable water. Tours were conducted to various community groups including home school groups, Free State and Baldwin High School students, Southwest Middle School 7th grade students, Lawrence Elementary 4th grade students, KU Environmental Studies and other departments, Kansas Geological Survey, KU Engineering Summer Camp participants, Hallmark Cards, Inc., and church groups. Tours are provided at the request of a group or organization.



At left: Utilities staff describing the liquid treatment process to 7th grade students from Southwest Middle School.



At left: Utilities staff describes the solids treatment process in the biosolids belt press building.