Vienna's waste management system is considered international best practice. It attracts expert delegations from around the world who want to learn about the work of Vienna's Waste Management Department (MA 48) and offers a range of tours for school classes, associations, and anyone who is interested.

**RAUTENWEG LANDFILL**

In most places you would not consider a landfill an attractive and exciting destination, but it is in Vienna. Vienna no longer landfills waste directly, only ash and slag left over from waste incineration.

On a tour of the landfill, you will learn about groundwater protection, use of alternative energy such as landfill gas to produce electricity and heat, and the environmentally sound treatment and storage of waste in Vienna.

After driving around the landfill, we will go for a walk up “Waste Mountain”, which offers a view of the entire 22th district. Large parts of the landfill are covered with vegetation. If you are lucky, you may see the Pinzgau mountain goats that live here. The landfill is a haven for many plant and animal species.

**LOBAU COMPOSTING PLANT**

On a tour of the composting plant, you will learn about all steps of the process, from the delivery of garden waste to quality control, and gain insights into mechanical treatment and the composting process.

The composting plant is part of Vienna’s biogenic waste treatment system. It produces grade A+ compost, which is used as organic fertiliser and to make garden soil.

**MVA PFAFFENAU**

The Pfaffenau waste incineration plant turns household waste into electricity and heat.

You will first see a 15-minute film that shows how the waste gets to the plant and what happens there. It also explains the steps of flue gas scrubbing.

On the subsequent tour, you will see the waste unloading dock and get a look inside the waste bunker.

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**FACTS AND FIGURES**

**VISITS**
- May to October (good weather only; Pfaffenau waste incinerator all year round)

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**
- 5 to 25 participants per group
- Children (8 years or older) must be accompanied by a guardian
- Visits for groups of 10 people or more can be arranged outside the usual times

**SCHOOLS**
Special tour programme available for schools – for information call +43 1 58817 48226 (Mon-Fri 8am to 2pm)

**ALL TOURS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.**

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