

*The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
in Central Oregon presents:*

The Romance and Vitality of Our Landfill

Tim Schimke

**Tuesday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.
Bend Senior Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Rd.**

Remember the days of the old town dump? At that time everything we threw away was tossed into a nearby ravine or dirt pit to decay and await the scrutiny of future archeologists. That system doesn't work anymore as each of us generates 3,000 pounds of trash per year. We can no longer be uninformed about what happens to our garbage after it leaves the curb.



Monitoring wells surround our modern landfill to check the leachate. There is interest in using our methane to generate electricity. Bend's landfill site has a new recycling center, scale facilities, a household hazardous waste collection center, a transfer station, and a public receiving facility. Our responsibility is to generate less waste, recycle more, and stay informed as our population increases and swamps the present facility. Bring your questions and concerns to Tim Schimke, our man at the landfill.

Tim Schimke, Director, Deschutes County Solid Waste Department, will describe the living biosphere that is the county landfill in southeast Bend. Tim has a degree in business administration and a master's in the field of environmental engineering.