

Solid Waste Agency

Cedar Rapids - Linn County

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1960's

1965
City of Cedar Rapids landfill opens at 2250 A St. SW, Cedar Rapids

1970's

1972
Linn County landfill at 1954 County Home Road, Marion opens

1976
Resource Conservation & Recovery Act passed by Congress, establishing rules and regulations regarding solid waste

1980's

1985
Collection of landfill gas initiated at 2250 A St. SW, Cedar Rapids

1987
Iowa legislature passes requirements for solid waste planning and landfill design

1989
Iowa legislature establishes statewide recycling goals and bans selected items from land filling including waste oil, batteries, whole tires, and yard waste

1990's

1990
City of Cedar Rapids establishes compost facility at 2250 A Street SW, open to city residents and businesses

1994
Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency (Agency) formed when City of Cedar Rapids & Linn County combine resources under a 28E agreement; landfill sites & compost turned over to Agency

1995
All incorporated communities in Linn County join Agency as Associate Members

1996
Agency community grant program created

1997
Pollution Prevention Center opens, providing Linn County residents with the opportunity to properly recycle household hazardous materials

1998
Agency begins underwriting recyclables processing including material residents set out at the curb and material dropped off at Agency sites

1999
Agency bans cardboard, the only facility in Iowa that prohibits land filling cardboard

2000's

2002
Pollution Prevention Center begins accepting household hazardous materials from other counties in the same planning area

2005
Agency and City of Marion agree to County Home Road landfill expansion; landscaped berm built around facility

2006
Landfill in Cedar Rapids closed & capped; all trash directed to Agency's Marion landfill

2008
Landfill in Cedar Rapids uncapped to accept flood debris after the Floods of 2008

2009
Biomass wood recovery program initiated to encourage recycling and divert wood and wood materials from land filling

2010's

2010
TVs and monitors banned from landfill; Solid Waste Agency expands electronics recycling program, adding TVs and monitors as recyclable items accepted for no charge 2010: Board of Directors formalize the Agency's evolution from waste management to resource recovery

2011
Agency and local company, RAS Inc, initiate asphalt shingle recycling pilot program 2011: Agency becomes EMS (Environmental Management System) designated

2012
The Pollution Prevention Center goes appointment free, allowing residents to drop off household hazardous materials during regular Agency business hours