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WANTED: WOOD WASTE FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROGRAM

Cedar Rapids— A new program at the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency is converting wood waste into biomass fuel, a renewable source of energy and an alternative to coal and oil. In addition to brush, branches, logs and trees, the agency is taking most commercial and residential wood waste at its Cedar Rapids facility, 2250 A St. SW.

“We are taking old cupboards, doors, and countertops,” says Karmin McShane, Agency Executive Director. “We can take just about anything – except wood with lead-based paint or wood that’s been treated for use in decks and landscaping.”

The tipping fee is \$15 per ton for acceptable wood waste compared to \$35 at the landfill. The lower tipping fee provides an incentive to separate wood waste and deliver it to the biomass program.

The Agency also operates a compost facility at the same site where yard waste, leaves, and brush are converted to a rich soil amendment.

The Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of the community through cost-effective and environmentally-sound practices for management of solid waste generated in Linn County.

For additional information about the wood recovery biomass program or agency compost operations, contact Stacie Johnson, 377-5290, ext. 101, or sjohnson@solidwasteagency.org

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Captions for attached photos:

Wood waste is now being accepted at the Solid Waste Agency Cedar Rapids site, 2250 A Street SW, for use as fuel at biomass plants.

Wood material—including cupboards, countertops, and dimensional lumber—is shredded for alternative fuel at the Solid Waste Agency Cedar Rapids site, 2250 A Street SW.