

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD Landfill Ban Enforcement

The development of the enforcement policy was a cooperative effort between waste haulers, waste generators and Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency.

In March 1998, the Agency Board of Directors appointed eleven individuals to the OCC Ban Enforcement Policy Committee (EPC). The committee included representatives from private waste haulers and recycling service providers, the small business community, a building contractor, a landlord and tenant from multi-family dwelling units, representatives from the Agency's two largest communities and Agency staff. The EPC was charged with developing enforcement policy recommendations and implementations procedures.

The EPC's Policy Recommendation The committee met over a period of four months and presented its report and recommendations to the Agency Board in August. The committee's recommendations included:

- **Strong educational and technical assistance** in order to promote the ban and increase awareness of solid waste issues;
- **Enforcement by dedicated spotters** at the working face of the landfill;
- **Establishment of a zero tolerance level** in order to promote maximum landfill diversion and consistent enforcement;
- **Assessment of a double tipping fee** (the equivalent of a \$35 per ton penalty) **to loads of solid waste containing recyclable corrugated cardboard;** and
- **Enactment and enforcement of ordinances** by Agency's Member and Associate Member communities, which function to further support the ban.

The Board accepted the committee's report and wholly adopted the policy recommendation procedures.

How Do the Recommendations Impact You?

- Spotters will informally enforce the ban at the landfill. The spotters have received specialized training in order to enforce the ban consistently and fairly. Your hauler may also enforce the ban at your dumpster: some haulers may refuse to service your container if it contains recyclable corrugated cardboard that has been mixed with solid waste in order to avoid potential penalties. Contact your hauler so that you understand how he or she plans to enforce the ban!
- If a load of solid waste that contains recyclable corrugated cardboard is delivered to the landfill, a double tipping fee penalty is assessed to the entire load ($\$35 \times 2 = \70 per ton).
- The spotter will take pictures of the load and complete paperwork that identifies the non-compliant generators(s). The spotter will work with the driver to identify the source of the mixed solid waste and recyclable corrugated cardboard.
- The hauler will most likely pass the penalty through to the non-compliant generator. The hauler may also assess a handling fee to cover his or her costs of processing the penalty. Contact your commercial waste hauler and recycling service provider so that you understand how he or she plans to enforce the ban.