

# LandfillLink

## Tipping Fee Changes Begin July 1

A new budget year for the Solid Waste Agency will begin July 1, 2024, and includes increases to garbage and yard waste tipping fees.

### Rates Changing July 1, 2024

#### Standard Landfill

\$48.00/ton (increase of \$3/ton) Minimum \$22

#### Flat Rates for Personal Vehicles

\$12/vehicle - **Cars**

\$15/vehicle - **SUVs, Crossovers, Wagons & Minivans**

\$22/vehicle - **Pickup Trucks & Full-Size Vans**

#### Yard & Wood Waste

\$30.00/ton (increase of \$2/ton) Minimum \$10

#### Tires

\$4/per tire - **off rim**

\$5/per tire - **on rim**

\$300/ton - **bulk load** (more than eight tires)

**Many fees will not change. See all fees on the last page of this LandfillLink.**

**Save money and avoid the flat rates by using your curbside services!**

Extra garbage bag stickers costs around \$2 per tag in most communities. If you have fewer than 11 bags of garbage, it will cost less to buy the extra tags than to bring that load to the landfill in a pickup truck. Save your gas, time and money by using your curbside services when you can!

## Yard Waste & Organics Drop-off ONLY at A Street SW Location

Beginning April 1, 2024, yard waste will only be accepted at the Solid Waste Agency compost location at 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids. This is where yard waste, food waste, tree debris and other organic materials are processed into compost or wood chips.

Since the Solid Waste Agency cannot process yard waste at the 1954 County Home Road location in Marion, we are eliminating the collection of yard waste at this facility.

Most communities in Linn County offer yard waste collection or operate a yard waste drop-off area for resident use. The table at right outlines these services. Contact your community's city hall for your yard waste drop-off location or more detailed information.



A Scarab works through a windrow of curing compost at the Solid Waste Agency compost facility.

### Yard Waste Drop-off Options by Community

**Solid Waste Agency compost location is at 2250 A Street SW, Cedar Rapids.**

Alburnett	Limited compost for local residents only. Accept leaves and branches no larger than 6-in. diameter or 12-ft. long.
Bertram	Take to Solid Waste Agency compost location.
Center Point	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only. Branches no larger than 6-in. diameter.
Central City	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only.
Coggon	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only. Cameras on site.
Ely	Yard waste/compost site for grass clippings and leaves for local residents only.
Fairfax	Curbside yard waste collection; no drop-off location. Take to Solid Waste Agency compost location.
Hiawatha	No drop-off location. Take to Solid Waste Agency compost location.
Lisbon	Curbside yard waste collection; no drop-off location. Take to Solid Waste Agency compost location.
Marion	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only.
Mount Vernon	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only.
Palo	No drop-off location. Take to Solid Waste Agency compost location.
Prairieburg	Small branches/twigs drop-off site for local residents only; no grass clippings or leaves.
Robins	No drop-off location. Take to Solid Waste Agency compost location.
Springville	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only.
Walker	Yard waste/compost site for local residents only. Cameras on site.

# SolidWaste Agency

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## Member Communities

Cedar Rapids, Linn County

## Associate Members

Alburnett, Bertram, Center Point, Central City,  
Coggon, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, Lisbon, Marion,  
Mount Vernon, Palo, Robins, Springville,  
Prairieburg, Walker

## Board of Directors

Chair: Tyler Olson

City of Cedar Rapids, City Council

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Secretary: Craig Adamson

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Louis Zumbach

Linn County Board of Supervisors

## Executive Director

Karmin McShane

## Board Meetings

Third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting agendas and minutes can be  
downloaded from the Agency's website

**solidwasteagency.org**

## Summer Hours Begin April 1

**Landfill & Resource Recovery Building**  
**1954 County Home Road – Marion**

**Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Saturday by Appointment or Account Only**

**No appointment or no account =  
no admittance on Saturdays!**



**Compost & Yard Waste**

**2250 A Street SW – Cedar Rapids**

**Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Saturday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Schedule Your Saturday  
Appointment at**  
**solidwasteagency.org**

You must schedule an appointment to use the landfill or Resource Recovery building (1954 County Home Road, Marion) on a Saturday. Appointments are not needed Monday through Friday as there is less traffic congestion.

If you do not have an appointment or commercial account when visiting on a Saturday, *you will be turned away.*

## Mount Trashmore Re-Opens in the Spring

**Trails will open when weather permits.**

As a closed landfill, Mount Trashmore is a regulated site, which means access cannot be unrestricted. The goal is to give visitors as much access as possible.

Planned hours for 2024 will be:

**Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Monday Closed**

The latest Mount Trashmore information can be found at **solidwasteagency.org**.



Don't forget to  
sign up for the 2024  
Mount Trashmore  
Challenge!



## Check-In Process

Since Mount Trashmore is a regulated and permitted waste management site, visitors are required to check in at kiosks located inside Recreation Building 948.

After checking in for the first time, you may choose to have a QR code sent to your mobile device. On your next visit, simply scan your code for quick check-in.

**A new check-in and code  
will be required each  
spring at the beginning  
of a new season.**





**Reminder of what CANNOT be recycled in Linn County.  
Go ahead and throw these materials in the garbage!**

# Not Accepted



## No Styrofoam

Foam cups, plates  
Party cups  
Egg cartons  
Packing peanuts  
Carry-out food containers  
Formed packing pieces

## No Plastic Bags or Wrap

Grocery bags  
Zip-top bags  
Plastic wrap  
Bread wrappers  
Chip bags  
Garbage bags  
Pet food/feed bags  
Plastic packaging  
Shipping envelopes  
Bubble wrap  
Salt bags

## No Plate Glass

Windows  
Mirrors  
Fish Tanks

## No Glassware

Ceramics  
China  
Glassware  
Lightbulbs

## No Used Paper Products

Paper plates  
Paper cups  
Paper towels  
Tissues, wipes  
Tablecloths  
Wrapping paper  
Padded envelopes

## No Shredded Paper

## No Aluminum Foil or Pans

## No Rigid Plastics

Pet litter pails  
Buckets  
Paint containers  
Laundry baskets  
Garbage cans  
Storage boxes  
Hangers  
Flower pots  
Toys

## Not All Materials Can Be Recycled

Recycling is market-driven. Anything could be recycled IF there is a demand for that product. Unfortunately, recycling markets have decreased in recent years.

**Recycle symbols DO NOT guarantee it's recyclable**



This symbol indicates the type of plastic used to make the product. For instance, Styrofoam and red picnic cups are both a number 6 made from low-density polystyrene. There is no market for recycling this type of plastic in Linn County.

## What happens if I try to recycle something that is NOT recyclable?

Unaccepted items in the recycling stream can contaminate an entire load of materials. Recycling processing centers reject loads that contain non-accepted items. If rejected, the materials are trucked back to the landfill for disposal. This added time and fuel consumption increases the overall costs for recycling.

**SolidWaste  
Agency**  
Cedar Rapids - Linn County

(319) 377-5290

1954 County Home Road, Marion

For the most up-to-date information, visit  
[www.SolidWasteAgency.org](http://www.SolidWasteAgency.org)

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Recycling Tip

Keep non-accepted materials out of the recycling stream!

## Make your recycling and waste reduction efforts count!

**1** Make sure items to be recycled are **empty, clean, and dry!**

**2** Choose reusable grocery bags and water bottles.

**3** Limit your use of single-use disposable items. For instance, decline a straw or lid on your drink when dining in.

**4** Purchase reusable durable cookware such as glass or metal pie plates and roasting pans.

**5** Packaging materials are a large part of our waste stream. Be aware of the amount of packaging an item has and consider similar items with less packaging.

# Cover Your Load!

**An uncovered load like this will be fined at the Solid Waste Agency.**



The Solid Waste Agency wants to make sure all roads leading to the landfill are safe and clean. That is why loads entering the Agency must be covered or secured. Pickups and trailers need to have a tarp over them. Garbage and dump trucks, too. Loads with bulky items like couches and mattresses need to be tied down securely.

Uncovered or unsecured loads will be fined up to \$50 at the scale house. If you are pulled over by law enforcement on the way to the landfill for material blowing or falling from your vehicle, you can receive a ticket for more than \$360!

**Stay safe and save your money by covering and securing your load!**

Clip and Save

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Agency services  
provided to  
Linn County  
residents

## Locations & Hours

**1954 County Home Rd.**  
Marion, Iowa 52302  
(near Hwy 13 at County Home Rd.)

**(319) 377-5290**

**Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Saturday Appointment or Account Only**

Winter hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 31)  
Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday Appointment or Account Only

**2250 A St., SW**  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404  
(near Czech Village)

**(319) 398-5163**

**Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Winter hours (Dec. 1-Mar. 31)  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday closed

## Holiday Closures

*Both locations*

**Memorial Day**  
Monday, May 27

**Independence Day**  
Thursday, July 4

**Labor Day**  
Monday, September 2

## Waste Disposal – Landfill

*County Home Rd. location*

**\$48 per ton** \$22 minimum

Flat Rates for Personal Vehicles

Cars - \$12/vehicle

SUVs, Crossovers, Wagons & Minivans - \$15/vehicle

Pickup Trucks & Full-Size Vans - \$22/vehicle

- » All loads may be weighed at scale house attendant's discretion.
- » Tipping fee doubles for loads containing recyclable cardboard; fines issued for other banned materials.
- » All loads must be covered and secured or the customer will be fined an unsecured load fee of up to \$50.
- » Payment due at time of service – cash, credit card, debit card, or business check.

## Yard Waste Disposal

*A St. SW location*

**\$30 per ton; \$10 minimum**

Brush, tree limbs/trunks, Christmas trees, plant/grass clippings, leaves

- » **County Home Road location:** Small residential loads ONLY; no trailer loads or limbs greater than 4" in diameter.
- » **A Street location:** Commercial, trailer and residential loads.

## Bulk Compost Pick-Up

*A St. SW location*

**FREE** – Linn Co. residents with personal vehicle

**\$30 per ton** – Commercial/business customers

## Wood Chip Pick-Up

*A St. SW location*

**No Charge** – While supplies last - call first for availability (319) 398-5163

## Residential Recycling Services

*County Home Rd. location*

*Businesses call for pricing. Please rinse and dry materials!*

<b>Antifreeze - Motor Oil - Oil Filters</b> must be in 5-gallon or smaller container(s); 20-gallon limit	FREE
<b>Appliances</b> - includes PCB ballasts, microwaves, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, water heaters, etc.	\$10 ea.
<b>Batteries</b> - lead-acid, rechargeable, vehicle (alkaline batteries can be thrown away)	FREE
<b>Bicycles</b>	FREE
<b>Cardboard</b>	FREE
<b>Electronics</b> - copiers, printers, vacuum cleaners, stereos, computers, etc. (excludes TVs/monitors) \$0.25/lb. for bulk or commercial-size loads	FREE
<b>Fluorescent Bulbs</b> - (businesses \$1.23 per bulb)	FREE
<b>Glass</b> - jars, bottles	FREE
<b>Paper Products</b>	FREE
<b>Plastics</b> - containers #1-#7, no styrofoam	FREE
<b>Scrap Metal</b>	FREE
<b>Syringes/Sharps</b> - (no home healthcare businesses)	FREE
<b>Tires</b> Off Rim On Rim  Bulk loads of more than 8 tires and large tires (semi, tractor) \$300/ton (no tire sales/repair businesses)	\$4 ea. \$5 ea.
<b>TVs &amp; Monitors</b> - all sizes \$0.25/lb. loads with 5 or more units	\$15 ea.

### \*\*Not Accepted for Recycling\*\*

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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| » Aluminum foil/pans     | » Plastic trash cans | » Spiral notebooks |
| » Shredded paper         | » Plastic toys       | » 3-ring binders   |
| » Plastic bags/wrap/film | » Bike helmets       | » Styrofoam        |
| » Rigid plastic buckets  | » Hoses              |                    |

## Hazardous Materials

*County Home Rd. location*

### FREE Service – No Appointment Necessary

**(Businesses call for pricing.)** Linn County residents may safely dispose of hazardous materials such as paint and lawn chemicals in the Resource Recovery building. See website for full list of accepted materials.

## FREE Paint, Cleaners, Etc.

*County Home Rd. location*

### Pick Up for FREE

Items received by staff and deemed usable are available “as is” and FREE of charge in the Resource Recovery building.

**Fees and hours subject to change without notice.  
For the most up-to-date information, visit**

**solidwasteagency.org**