Formed in 1994 via a 28E Agreement to:

MISSION
Ensure the health, safety and welfare of Linn County residents by managing discarded materials as resources in a way that is cost-effective and environmentally sound.

- Governed by 9-member Board of Directors
- Two locations
- Not tax dollar supported
Services Available

- Recycling Drive-Thru
- Pollution Prevention Center (PPC)
- Swap Shop
- Appliances, bikes, tires, and scrap metal diversion
- Tours and Educational Lessons
- Landfill
- Community Credits – Mount Vernon FY’13: $5,525
- $2,326 remaining
New! No Appointment Necessary!

- No charge for Linn County residents
- Businesses accepted for a fee
- Accepts Household Hazardous Materials such as paints, stains, cleaning chemicals, and lawn and garden chemicals
- Trained, professional staff members safely process accepted Household Hazardous Materials
The most efficient way to reduce waste and recycle is through reuse. The Swap Shop's stock is constantly changing and is free to Linn County residents.
Resource Recovery Building
## Annual Tonnages Processed by the Agency

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<tr>
<th>MATERIAL</th>
<th>TONS (numbers are rounded)</th>
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<td>Organics (grass, leaves, branches, food waste)</td>
<td>31,000</td>
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<td>Wood waste (biomass program)</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<td>Curbside recyclables (plastic/glass/metal containers; paper products incl. cardboard, magazines, newspaper, etc.)</td>
<td>14,000</td>
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<td>Appliances, tires, metals, bicycles</td>
<td>1,700</td>
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<td>Hazardous materials from households &amp; small business generators including paints, batteries, oils, computer monitors/TVs, sharps</td>
<td>900</td>
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<td>TOTAL Tonnage diverted from landfill</td>
<td>53,600</td>
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Shingle Recycling

- Working to divert shingles from the landfill
- Goal to divert more than 6,000 tons of shingles in first year of the pilot program
- Shingles used to make asphalt
Come visit us

Invite us in

- Site tours for groups of all ages
- Large and small group presentations
- Custom tailored classroom lessons for all grade levels
- Speaking engagements
- Coordinated and developed by an Iowa licensed teacher with classroom experience
Services Available

- Recycling (appliances, tires, scrap metal, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil and filters, bicycles, household electronics, curbside recyclables...)
- Medical sharps disposal
- Wood Recovery
- Compost
- Shingle Recycling
- Flood Waste
Two cubic yards free per visit for Linn County residents

Eight dollars per cubic yard for businesses

(2 cubic yards fills an average pick-up’s bed)
Clean wood is chipped and sent to an energy plant where it is burned in the place of coal.

Cost is reduced versus landfilling from $38 to $15 per ton and the wood is diverted from the landfill.
We are charged with diverting as much as possible from the landfill. We are continually researching and evaluating programs and other technologies.

Examples:

- Anaerobic Digestion Feasibility Study (2004) – Divert additional organics
- Alternatives to Landfilling Study (2008) – Status of various technologies
- Wood Recovery Pilot Deconstruction Study (2010)
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Changing focus from waste management to resource recovery