



City of Cheney Solid and
Hazardous Waste Management
Plan for the Years 2021 to 2026



Executive Summary

The City's current collection operation of MSW, recycling, and clean green will continue as currently provided including management of recycling and clean green waste. Alternative requirements as part of the City's own CMSWRMRWP include alternatives and solutions for MSW disposal, MSW self-haul, and MRW management of collection, disposal, and education.

The City of Cheney provides municipal solid waste (MSW) collection services within its municipal jurisdictional boundaries. Cheney provides mandatory weekly MSW services that includes residential automated cart service; multi-family residential automated cart, dumpster or roll-off compactor service, commercial automated cart, dumpster, roll-off container, or roll-off compactor service. Other services include subscription dumpster and roll-off services, and large item curbside pickup service.

City of Cheney currently contracts with the City of Spokane (Appendix 1) for disposal of all MSW collected within its jurisdictional boundaries to the Spokane Waste to Energy Plant located at 2900 S. Geiger Blvd., Spokane, approximately 12 miles from Cheney.

Currently, citizens of Cheney can self-haul disposal items to one of the three Spokane County regional collection sites. These sites collect a fee for disposal of MSW and clean green waste, and provide free drop off services for Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) and recycling products. Funding for the free MRW and recycling programs are paid through MSW gate fees collected at one of the three regional system disposal sites and regional Ecology LSWFA grants. The gate fees are collected from self-haulers, or through mandatory and subscription collection contractors or municipalities that are required to dispose MSW at one of the three regional facilities.

The Cheney Recycling Facility and Clean Green drop off center is located at 100 Anderson Road. The Clean Green drop center is open during the months of March through November. In addition to the Clean Green drop off center, the City's Solid Waste Division provides Clean Green curbside service picked up once a week. Clean Green curbside service is subscription based, with service offered from April to October of each year.

The City of Cheney currently manages its education program through utility bill newsletters and inserts, City website, and volunteer programs through citizens, businesses, public schools and Eastern Washington University.

The Plan is to continue existing solid waste services as currently provided and recommends collection and disposal alternatives and solutions as a means to improve solid waste disposal of MSW, self-haul collection and disposal, and collection and disposal of MRW. The alternatives are identified in the Cheney Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Study 2012-2031 and have been discussed in this document.

The current interlocal agreement between Cheney and City of Spokane allows MSW disposal to continue at the Waste to Energy Plant. Alternatively, we may contract with an area transfer station for the disposal of its MSW (CSWMS 2012-2031, Section 1.3, Alternative C). The term of this contract at the selected transfer station will be based on tonnage costs and updated feasibility study as a decision tool to provide an option for the City to construct its own transfer station as described in section 3.3 and identified in Cheney Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP), Section 1.4. Currently the City has selected a site to

construct its own transfer facility within its jurisdiction with design, permitting, and construction completion by 2024, if necessary, although the City has not found it necessary at this time.

As provided in section 2.1 collection services, Cheney residents are provided the opportunity to dispose of items that are not part of their mandatory collection services through the City's annual Clean Sweep event (section 2.1.9) and large item pick up (Section 2.1.10). Currently, residents of Cheney can also self-haul disposal items to one of the three regional disposal sites.

MRW which does not generate sufficient volumes to make continuous acceptance at the Cheney Recycling Facility feasible, the City of Cheney will incorporate MRW into its annual Cheney Clean Sweep event. Considering the towns size, is the challenging to staff and maintain at robust MRW collection program at the recycling center. That sad, for the small amounts of MRW we do receive, we will often hold the MRW until the next disposal event to be hauled off by the appropriate vendor. The collection site during this event (which occurs annually) will be at the Cheney Recycling Facility and MRW products will be collected that day and removed from the site immediately following the event. The City will contract for MRW disposal from a certified contractor. This program will require substantial education and encouragement as the part of the City's Educational Program (section 2.3). Residents will regularly be encouraged throughout the year to utilize the services available at the Cheney Recycling Center, and to save up MRW which cannot be accepted at the Recycling Facility, and hold it for the disposal event. The Cheney Solid Waste Division will advertise the date and location of MRW collection event well in advance, and accommodate drop-off acceptance of these materials.

Full updated plan can be viewed on the City of Cheney website:

<https://www.cityofcheney.org/349/Comprehensive-Solid-Waste-Management-Pla>