



# Caddo Nation of Oklahoma

## Environmental Protection

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Since its establishment, the Caddo Nation Environmental Protection (CNEP) program has secured several grants through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), including the General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act Section 106 (CWA), and Clean Air Act Section 103 (CAA). Additionally, CNEP has received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to support climate resiliency initiatives, natural resource education, and invasive species management within the Caddo Nation's jurisdiction. These funds enable CNEP to take proactive steps toward protecting our Tribal lands against the growing impacts of climate change. In the coming quarters, CNEP plans to apply for additional grants through both the EPA and BIA to expand its programs and enhance services for the Caddo Nation.

During October, November, and December, our program went through a few changes, including a new director. With these changes, the Caddo Nation EPA program has been steadily going after new funding opportunities. These funding opportunities include more roll-off assistance for tribal members, solid waste clean-ups, and we are working on a program to remove invasive species from tribal lands.

During the first quarter of the year The Caddo Nation EPA program was working in-house on multiple grant opportunities, which included the Solid Waste Infrastructure for recycling (SWIFR) funding. During this time, the Federal Government was on a 43-day shutdown. Because of the shutdown, all meetings and conferences during that time were cancelled or rescheduled for a later time and date.

The next thing Caddo Nation EPA is working towards is completing and using our 40,000-gallon rainwater catchment system. This will allow our firetrucks or any local authorities to fill up tankers in a hurry in case of a wildfire or any other need. During the shutdown, the EPA team continuously worked on end of the year reports and did virtual training courses to complete work plan requirements for Fy 25-26.

The Caddo Nation EPA program is excited to network and work with the University of Oklahoma in learning about soil testing, plugging orphaned wells, and land surveying with ArcGIS. This will bring an important asset to the Caddo Nation as we are protectors of our land.

During the First quarter (October – December 2025), the Caddo Nation Environmental Protection Program (CNEP) provided Roll-Off Dumpster Services to Four Tribal members. This service assists community members with the proper disposal of large volumes of waste, helping to maintain cleaner homes and properties across the Caddo Nation jurisdiction.

The Caddo Nation Environmental Program is looking into the FY26 Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant to build a recycling center or transfer station to help provide more cleanups and remediation to our tribal lands. This will also fund our Roll-off program.

To ensure equitable access to this limited-capacity service, the following policy is in place:

***"If you have received service within the same EPA calendar year (October – September), you will be placed on a waitlist until the next funding period."***

This approach allows more Tribal members the opportunity to benefit from the program. Roll-off services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with availability three times per quarter. Service is scheduled according to the following calendar:

- ***1st Quarter: October – December***
- ***3rd Quarter: April – June***
- ***2nd Quarter: January – March***
- ***4th Quarter: July – September***

CNEP also offers in-home mold inspection services to Tribal members. All CNEP staff are certified mold inspectors and provide the following:

- ***On-site inspections and environmental assessments***
- ***Air or surface mold sampling (as needed)***
- ***Education on mold prevention and safe remediation practices***

Our services are aimed at promoting healthier indoor/outdoor environments by identifying and addressing potential hazardous and mold-related health risks. For further information on any services provided or information on the CNEP programs, please contact us.

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