

# Public Notice: Request for Comments

## Proposed Issuance of a Solid Waste Compost Registration Permit for Carlton Plants, LLC at the Gordon Farm Compost Site in Yamhill County



State of Oregon  
Department of  
Environmental  
Quality

The purpose of this notice is to invite you to provide written comments on this proposed registration permit issuance.

### What is proposed?

DEQ proposes to issue a Solid Waste Disposal Site Compost Registration Permit for a small composting operation at the Gordon Farm site owned by Carlton Plants, LLC for a period of not more than 10 years.

Carlton Plants, LLC is a wholesale, bare root nursery operation with an existing composting operation located at 13205 Webfoot Road. The composting site is commonly known as the Gordon Farm with feedstocks consisting of fir sawdust and dairy manure.

In September 2009, new rules required new and existing compost facilities to submit an application to DEQ for an environmental and human health risk assessment which would determine the type of oversight needed for their operations. Carlton Plants, LLC submitted a timely application.

Based on DEQ's environmental risk evaluation of current information, Carlton Plants, LLC compost operations at the Gordon Farm pose a low risk to the environment and public health. Low risk facilities are required to operate under a Compost Registration Permit.

DEQ is inviting public comment on the proposed permitting action. During the comment period the public is invited to make comments related to specific conditions within the proposed permit.

### Who is the applicant?

Carlton Plants, LLC  
PO Box 398  
Dayton, OR 97114

### Where is the facility located?

Gordon Farm  
13205 Webfoot Road  
Dayton OR 97114  
Yamhill County  
T5 S, R3 WWM, S5; Tax Lot 701  
45° 09' 48" Latitude, -123° 05' 12" Longitude

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**Written Comments due:** August 16, 2010,  
5 p.m.

### Where can I send my comments?

Fran Holman, Permit Coordinator Western Region  
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### Where can I get technical information?

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### How can I review documents?

You can review electronic versions here:

- [draft permit](#)
- [permit evaluation report](#)

or by going online to:

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/news/publicnotices/pn.asp>

You can review the draft permit and permit application at the DEQ Salem Office  
750 Front Street NE, Suite 120  
Salem, OR 97301.

For a review appointment, call Fran Holman at:  
(503) 378-5047.

### DEQ's Role:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for protecting and enhancing Oregon's water and air quality, for cleaning up spills and releases of hazardous materials, and for managing the proper disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits for certain activities and facilities that may present a potential threat to the environment if not properly managed. DEQ issues composting

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permits in order to regulate operation of these facilities to minimize nuisance conditions, and/or any impacts to the environment or public health.

**Compliance history:**

This is a new permit application for a compost site. There is no compliance history at this site.

**Who is affected?**

Property owners and residents near the facility in Yamhill County. People who work, live, and recreate in the area.

**What other DEQ permits are required?**

No additional DEQ permits are currently required.

**What similar activities take place in the vicinity of the facility?**

Carlton Farms operates another small composting operation near this site which will also be regulated by a DEQ registration permit.

**What legal requirements apply?**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 459.205 requires a DEQ permit for any solid waste disposal site. ORS 459.245 authorizes DEQ to issue solid waste disposal site permits. Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 340 Division 93-97 provides further clarification of permit issuance requirements.

**What are the known health effects or environmental impacts of the permitted substances stored, disposed of, discharged or emitted by the facility?**

Improperly managed compost operations have the potential to pollute surface and groundwater and can create objectionable odors. Regarding these concerns, DEQ has conducted an environmental screening for Carlton Plants, LLC-Gordon Farm compost operations and has determined that their operation poses a low environmental risk.

No adverse impacts to groundwater or surface water have been noted and none are anticipated.

**How are the permitted substances measured?**

The permitted substances are measured by the ton or by the cubic yard.

**What are the special conditions of this permit?**

The permittee must meet performance standards for compost facilities as stated in Oregon Administrative Rules 340-096-0070 and submit an annual report to DEQ.

**What happens next?**

DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, DEQ may issue the permit as proposed or modified, or deny the permit.

Participation in rulemaking or the legislative process is the only way to change the rules or statutes. Ultimately, if a facility meets all current legal requirements, DEQ will issue the permit.

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