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## DNR offers tips for sustainable gifting

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Tom Anderson, DNR, at 515-240-6059 or [tom.anderson@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:tom.anderson@dnr.iowa.gov).

**DES MOINES** – The holiday season is a time for spending with family and friends and giving and receiving gifts. This is also the most waste-generated time of the year.

According to [Stanford University](#), Americans throw away 25% more trash from Thanksgiving to New Years that at any other point in the year, which equates to about 1 million additional tons of waste going to the landfill per week.

If every family reused two feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the planet, according to the university.

According to the [2022 Iowa Statewide Waste Characterization Study](#), overall, cardboard was the third most landfilled material out of the 84 sort categories.

Consider these holiday savings tips from the EPA and others:

- **Consider the source.** Choose recycled or sustainable sourced materials. Shop local to support area shops, makers, and artisans while reducing shipping costs and impacts.
- **Rethink the wrap.** Reuse maps, comics, newsprint, kid art, or posters as gift wrap. Wrap gifts in recycled paper or a reusable bag. Or skip the gift wrap, hide the gifts, and leave clues or trails for kids to follow. Believe it or not, despite Christmas paper being typically made of paper, most of the time you can't actually recycle it. Forget the foil and glittery paper this Christmas and opt for a more subtle style.
- **Keep it simple.** For larger gatherings, choose recyclable or compostable service items. All food-soiled paper products are commercially compostable, unless plastic- or foil-coated.
- **Reuse** packing and shipping materials. Save ribbons, bows, boxes, bags, and décor for the next holiday.
- **Recycle** old electronics and batteries.
- **Compost** your food scraps.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

# DNR Virtual Public Meeting for Fawn Hollow Feedlot Nutrient Management Plan

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Kelli Book, DNR, at 515-210-3408 or [kelli.book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:kelli.book@dnr.iowa.gov).

**Des Moines** — The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be hosting a virtual public meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 1:00 pm to gather public comment on the Fawn Hollow Feedlot Nutrient Management Plan (NMP).

The Fawn Hollow Feedlot is owned by Mike Butikofer and is located in Wagner Township in Clayton County.

To request an electronic copy of the NMP, contact [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov).

Per the administrative rules, comments should be limited to the following topics: 1) that the NMP was submitted according to procedures required by the DNR and 2) that the NMP complies with the provisions of 567 Iowa Administrative Code 65.

To register for the virtual meeting and obtain the virtual meeting instructions, please email or call Kelli Book at [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov) or (515) 210-3408 with your name, email, and phone number by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2023. Please also state if you will be making a comment during the meeting.

In addition to the public meeting, you may submit written comments to [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov) by 4:30 pm on Friday, January 6, 2023.

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## DNR enforcement actions

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Tamara McIntosh, DNR, at 515-725-8242 or [Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov).

**DES MOINES** – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at [www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions](http://www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions)

### Consent Orders

A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

#### Carroll County

Brian Wendl

Develop and implement a standard operating procedure for manure land application, comply with the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit, and pay a \$2,000 administrative penalty.

#### Clayton County

G. Lee Pattison

Develop and submit for approval a standard operating procedure related to manure application, implement the standard operating procedure upon approval, and pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty.

**Floyd County**

Dan and Mike Staudt

Ensure that land application of manure is conducted by a certified manure applicator and pay a \$6,000 administrative penalty.

**Henry County**

Brian Erickson dba Dutch Square Farms, LLC

Submit an updated emergency response plan and pay a \$1,000 administrative penalty.

**Jones County**

Dean Wood

Cease all illegal solid waste disposal and illegal open burning; collect and properly dispose or recycle all solid waste remaining on-site and submit disposal receipts; and pay a \$3,000 administrative penalty.

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## Air Quality permits under review

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Marnie Stein, DNR, at 515-725-9525 or [Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Marnie.Stein@dnr.iowa.gov) for Title V permits.

**DES MOINES** – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to make effective comments. Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

**Title V Operating Permits**

Title V Operating permits are reviewed and re-issued every five years. Facilities with a Title V permit have the potential to emit large amounts of air pollutants compared to other facilities. The five-year reviews are a federal requirement and ensure adequate monitoring is included in the permit. The DNR plans to issue Title V Operating Permits for the following facilities. Find permit details at [www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft](http://www.iowadnr.gov/titlev-draft).

**Carroll County**

Ag Processing Inc. – Manning – 1000 300<sup>th</sup> St., Manning.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Soybean Oil Mills facility. The public comment period ends January 14, 2023.

**Scott County**

Continental Cement Company – Davenport Plant – 301 E Front St., Buffalo.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Cement, Hydraulic facility. The public comment period ends January 14, 2023.

**Woodbury County**

CF Industries Nitrogen, LLC – Port Neal Complex – 1182 260<sup>th</sup> St., Sergeant Bluff.

The application was submitted to operate their existing Nitrogenous Fertilizers facility. The public comment period ends January 14, 2023.