



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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## Showcase of Citrus – Frequently Asked Questions

### What activities are the Citrus Biosolids Treatment facility authorized to perform?

- Showcase of Citrus Biosolids Treatment Facility (Facility ID# FLA624314)  
5010 US Hwy 27  
Clermont, FL 34714

This facility produces a registered Florida Department of Agriculture (DACS) AA fertilizer product by composting of domestic wastewater biosolids. The Department regulates the facility and treatment process to produce the fertilizer. Once produced, the Department does not have oversight of the registered fertilizer product.

- Showcase of Citrus Source-Separated Organics Processing Facility (Facility ID# 100244)  
1600 Frank Jarrell Road  
Clermont, FL 34714

This registration allows the facility to process yard trash.

### Who do I contact at the Department of Environmental Protection if I have questions or would like to file a complaint?

For any activities regulated by the DEP, you can contact David Smicherko at the Central District office at [David.Smicherko@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:David.Smicherko@FloridaDEP.gov) or 407-897-4169.

### How does the Department respond to my odor complaints?

When the Department receives a complaint, it is immediately assigned to the Compliance Assurance Program. Every complaint is responded to with a thorough investigation. During an investigation, an inspector will perform the following activities:

1. Determine if the reported concern falls under our jurisdiction,
2. Follow-up with the complainant
3. Conduct an investigation to determine if the complaint is valid/invalid, and
4. If non-compliance is identified, ensure a facility/site comes back into compliance in accordance with Department guidelines.

## What is causing the odor in the area?

At the time of inspection, the Department did not observe any odors leaving the boundary of the permitted facility. Odors were detected and attributed to the land application of a registered fertilizer product being spread on nearby fields (pictured below). The land application of the registered fertilizer is not under Department jurisdiction.



## What is the difference between biosolids and registered biosolids fertilizer?

Biosolids are generated during the treatment of domestic wastewater at a domestic wastewater treatment facility. Biosolids include products and treated material from biosolids treatment facilities and septage management facilities regulated by the Department.

Registered biosolids fertilizers are distributed and marketed biosolids or biosolids products that meet the stabilization requirements for Class AA biosolids.

### **What treatment process is used to generate the Class AA biosolids?**

Showcase of Citrus uses EPA approved methods to generate a Class AA biosolids material that is distributed and marketed as a registered fertilizer. The biosolids must be treated to meet both pathogen reduction and vector attraction reduction criteria. The facility accomplished this through composting. The criteria which must be met to produce the Class AA biosolids can be found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 503.

### **Who regulates the land application of fertilizer and how do I file a complaint?**

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulates registered fertilizer products. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to file a complaint, please contact Steve Harley at (850) 617-7860 or [Steve.Harley@FDACS.gov](mailto:Steve.Harley@FDACS.gov).

Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement  
Attn: Fertilizer Section  
3125 Conner Blvd., Bldg. 8 (L-29)  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650

### **Who do I contact to discuss any zoning questions or concerns?**

Each county is required by law to develop a comprehensive plan, which includes current and long-term planning for zoning. Showcase at Citrus is zoned to operate at its current location and DEP ensures it is operating in compliance with any applicable rules and regulations. DEP does not regulate Lake County's comprehensive plan or any zoning concerns.

Any questions regarding zoning need to be answered by Lake County's Office of Planning & Zoning and/or by your local county commissioner.

To find more information, including how to contact Lake County's Office of Planning & Zoning , please click [here](#) or contact them directly at (352) 343-9800.

You can find more information regarding Lake County's Comprehensive Plan [here](#). Click [here](#) to determine who to contact at your local county commissioner's office.

### **Who do I contact if I have any health questions or concerns?**

Any health-related questions should be directed to your personal physician or the Lake County Florida Department of Health who can be reached at (352) 253-6130 or [DLCHD35EVH@flhealth.gov](mailto:DLCHD35EVH@flhealth.gov).