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Richland Farms Offers Composting Solutions for the Hoosier State

Target Communities: Lafayette, West Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Attica, and Williamsport

NEWTOWN, INDIANA — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — A new family owned and operated agribusiness will begin providing curbside composting solutions for communities in Tippecanoe, Fountain, Warren, and Montgomery counties beginning in early March. Richland Farms will pick-up organic waste (also known as rubbish) right from your home, business, or farm. The most common examples of rubbish include food waste, lawn clippings, thatch, leaves, bedding, and many organic household items. A 2023 study by Compost Consortium¹ found that 50% of the materials being sent to landfills could be composted. Of those compostable materials, only about 4% were recycled in home and community-based programs. There is tremendous potential to prevent organic waste from entering the municipal waste stream and create nutrient-rich compost that can be used by homes, businesses, and in agricultural production. Richland Farms provides an affordable, membership-based service where members can contribute an unlimited quantity of rubbish. Residential members receive year-round curbside service every-other-week while commercial and agribusiness members receive weekly service. Members can elect to have finished compost delivered for use in home gardens and farming operations.

The Compostery is dedicated to the craft of producing top quality finished compost. According to co-founder Anastasia Pappas, “Home composting is difficult. It produces very little finished product. Municipal programs can be limited and the level-of-service can be hit-or-miss. What we’re offering isn’t a new concept—we just hope to advance it. In the 1950’s, homes in the Boston area used ‘subterranean receivers’ in the front yard where rubbish was placed, picked

up each week, and trucked off to local hog farms. We won't be feeding the rubbish we collect to livestock, but we will shepherd it through a thorough vegetative composting process and then we'll provide ways to return the finished compost to gardens, planting beds, yards, and fields. We're building this Compostery service based on honoring a multi-generational legacy of respect and care for the land. We hope we can empower families, businesses, and organizations with simple and affordable organic waste solutions—that will make a real impact.” The Compostery hopes to receive 25,000 tons of organic waste by December, 2025.

Co-founder Daniel Duncan adds, “Our family farmstead in Richland Township has been home to a thriving grain, livestock, and dairy operation since Charles Dagger settled here in 1824. Our composting facility offers a great way to honor the 200 year old farmstead's roots while also supporting the modern values of circular economics, environmental conservation, and regenerative agriculture.”

Richland Farms is the first facility in the state (and just the second facility in the United States) permitted to use the Johnson-Su Bioreactor Method of composting for processing food waste at commercial scale. This method is minimally disruptive to the natural environment and produces virtually no odor. Richland Farms will also produce “compost tea.” The tea is a brew made from purified water and finished compost. It is rich with nutrients and microorganisms. The tea can be root injected or directly applied to lawns, golf courses, pastures, crops, gardens, and trees as a highly effective organic form of fertilizer. Finished composts, mulches, soil amendments, and compost tea will be STA Quality Certified by the U.S. Composting Council. The finishing process requires about 12 months of time with the Johnson-Su Method.

Richland Farms is now accepting new members at www.richlandfarms.net with services starting the week of March 2. Residential memberships are just \$7.99 per month and early adopters will receive two years of membership at the same cost as one. Memberships include a branded tote for wet rubbish. Commercial hauling of organic waste is available throughout the state along the interstate and major state road corridors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit the Richland Farms website at www.richlandfarms.net, or send an e-mail to info@richlandfarms.net.

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