

## RECYCLING OF FOOD WASTE, A REVIEW

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### Abstract

Globally, food waste has turned into an increasingly recognized environmental issue in the course of the most recent years due to the increment of the total populace. This paper with the title Recycling of Food Waste mainly deals with the large amount of food waste generated by individuals in daily activities which is forcing genuine dangers to our general public like natural contamination, prosperity threat, and shortage of dumping land. This paper broadly discusses the process which provides a complete view of food waste generation. It portrayed and investigated the various recycling approaches for food waste, impacts of substrates, the methodologies used, advanced developments on these frameworks, and concisely the difficulties in the recycling of the food squander. It also discusses composting, aerobic, and anaerobic digestion of food waste as well as other efficient methods to deal with this global problem of food waste management and recycling. This paper also reviews extensively the challenges and the major impact of the food waste generation and their recycling methodologies as a dire need to take suitable measures to decrease food waste load by accepting standard organization practices.

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### 1.0 Introduction

Globally, management of food waste remains a critical issue and has turned into increasingly recognized environmental issues in developing countries for the most recent decade. Notwithstanding the critical issues of food waste becoming an ethical one, it is estimated that over 600 million individuals foodborne cases worldwide resulting in over 420,000 estimated deaths annually (Lee et al., 2020). About 1.3 billion tons of food waste (one-third of the world's food products for human consumption) is estimated to go

waste (Gustavsson et al., 2013). With an increase in urbanization and the human population, more food will be delivered as well as food waste as food framework presents are amazingly wasteful and inefficient (Bond et al., 2013). It is assessed that between 33% and one portion of the food produced is lost before achieving a human mouth (Bruinsma, 2017). Accordingly, ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns have been the key component to achieving the sustainable development goal 12 as formulated by the United Nation, incorporates a particular objective for food waste decrease: halve per capita worldwide food waste at retail and buyer levels by 2030. Furthermore, it additionally incorporates a progressively broad objective to reduce food misfortunes along food supply chains (Brunori et al., 2016). In this manner, it is expected that there will be an expanding number of activities, battles, and legislative developments in other to accomplish the aforementioned targets.

Nevertheless, reduction of the current wastage of food waste must be collaboratively joined by advanced waste management: unavoidably there will consistently be some food squander. Moreover, a few pieces of the water products are unpleasant and will manifestly turn into a waste stream. There are innumerable choices to oversee food waste, however, the most widely recognized arrangement worldwide is as yet landfilling (Rodrigue et al., 2017), which is very harmful to the earth and represents a hazard to human wellbeing, while it doesn't give any profit. Regardless of the advancement accomplished lately to discover alternate solutions, especially in developed countries, better management of food waste in supply chains is as yet required. Universal associations and supporters contend that creating sustenance that does not get eaten speaks to a superfluous abuse of land, water, and different assets, notwithstanding exacerbating nourishment uncertainty (Stuart, 2014). Reports guarantee that food waste records for a portion of worldwide carbon emanations proportionate to a medium-sized nation (FAO, 2013). National studies have investigated the different reasons for food misfortunes and waste expressing that up to half occurs at the buyer level in created nations and determined its financial expense adding up to over 161 million USD a year in the United States (Buzby et al., 2014). In this specific situation, numerous privately owned businesses and network associations have begun activities to "recycling," "recover," and "counteract" what they describe in various ways as "nourishment or food waste.

Food waste management is additionally a noteworthy source of greenhouse gas emissions and urban communities are key on-screen characters in the worldwide mission to lessen the effect of environmental change. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) are ozone harming substances that add to a dangerous atmospheric deviation and environmental change and are transmitted at all phases

of the food life cycle. Staying away from food waste along its lifecycle is in this way basic for every one of those overseeing sustenance creation, appropriation, and deals. Notwithstanding, as set out beneath, a huge portion of food waste, particularly at the household stage, still happens. The right management of these materials toward the end of their lifecycle is fundamental to keep away from the ecological and societal effects brought about by untreated, breaking down, or decomposing food. The waste hierarchy system connected to food products is a valuable device to rank waste management choices by sustainable execution.

This paper depicts a novel, deliberate strategy, advance innovation just as the difficulties in the recycling of food waste into a valuable product to help feasible choices for the management of food waste.

## **2.0 METHODOLOGIES FOR RECYCLING OF FOOD WASTE**

### **2. Composting**

Composting is a process in which organic matter is consumed, microorganisms consume oxygen, water vapor is produced during complex and active composting, external atmospheres receive heat and CO<sub>2</sub>, and humus-converted compost is obtained. CO<sub>2</sub> and water losses are equal to about half of the primary materials' weight during the process. As they turn raw materials into profitable soil conditioners, composting thus decreases both their volume and weight (Uygun, 2012). When suitable conditions are maintained for the growth of microorganisms and when these conditions are maintained, composting takes place very quickly.

**For composting, the most significant conditions include;**

1. Mixing of nutrients needed for microbial activity and growth with organic materials, including the necessary carbon and nitrogen (C:N) ratio, adequate oxygen for aerobic microorganisms
2. Suitable temperatures provide high microbial activity due to adequate moisture content, which provides biological activity without inhibiting ventilation (Ozturk & Bildik, 2005).

**Key composting purposes are;**

1. Destroying bacteria, insect larvae, other unwanted species and weed seeds that can be contained in solid waste to turn the separable organic material into the biologically desired suitable material,

2. To build a product that can be used for the remediation of soil,
3. To produce the full amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium available for use by plants,

Under aerobic and anaerobic environments, composting can be carried out. The basic methods used in the composting process as follows;

1. Passive stack composting
2. Transitional stack composting
  - a. Transducer stack composting using loader work machines for translation, mixing, and processing
  - b. Transduced stack composting with special transfer machines
3. Composting in a static ventilated pile
4. In closed reactors, composting
5. Composting technologies used at the source to decrease solid waste

The physical properties of organic materials, mixing ratios, and processing characteristics are influenced by the choice of composting method. In addition, distance, cost, compost process, and speed instead of settlement affect this choice (Tosun, 2013).

## **2.1 Aerobic composting**

Aerobic composting is the method of decomposition in an oxygenated environment. When suitable organic ingredients are mixed, composting starts. Raw materials are mixed, and ample quantities of air are supplied to start the process. Oxygen quickly breaks down the microorganisms and the precipitated materials expel the air out of the pore spaces. As the oxygen in the atmosphere reduces and the process stops if oxygen is not supplied, aerobic degradation slows down. Aerobic composting speeds up the decomposition of matter and produces a higher rise in temperature than the temperature needed to kill the pathogens. Unwanted smells are also minimized by aerobic composting (Bayer, 2008).

### ***2.1.1 Composting in passive stack***

For small and medium-sized populations, this technique is often suitable and has a very simple method. Organic materials are pelleted and waited for, without stirring, to be transformed into a stable product. To ensure sufficient air exchange and heat amplification, the stack height has to be greater than 1-1.2 meters. Due to various biodegradation, the compost pile is warmed in the process and the hot air ascends and separates from the layer. Clean and cold air is drawn from the sides and base. A downside of

passive composting is that anaerobic conditions begin and odor problems occur if the stack is uncontrolled (no heat output or inters prayer space decreases and squeezes) (Ozturk et al., 2015).

### ***2.1.2 Composting in transitional stack***

One of the most widely used methods of composting is this technique. By spinning, waste stacks are combined to provide air entrainment, mix waste as a homogeneous waste, promote heat movement, and increase the biologically active surface area. The particle size is decreased unnecessarily by too much mixing, thus decreasing the void ratio between the particles. This lowers efficiency by preventing the entry of ample air into the stack (Isik, 2009).

Only loader work machines can be appropriate for rotation in installations with capacities of 100-10000 m<sup>3</sup> per year. No need for additional facilities. For higher capacity, special composting rotation equipment must be used. By means of the rotation linked to the tractor and large transfer machines, compost can be processed in the range of 400-4000 tons / hour. Furthermore, additional equipment, such as a loader for additional workload, stack construction, maintenance, and other operation and maintenance work, may be needed (Ozturk et al., 2015).

The height of the stack, which is puffy as leaves and the grain size is larger, is 3.6 m, the widths vary from 3 to 6 m depending on the type of compost and the equipment chosen. Heaps of small particle sizes and intense as fertilizer are raised as 0.9 m. As far as possible, stacks should be formed on a watertight floor (Uygun, 2012). The temperature and odour of the stacks decide when the phase of mixing should be performed. The decrease in temperature (below 50 °C below average) and/or the increase in the formation of odors indicates the need for oxygen and the decrease in oxygen in the stack. The sudden drop in temperature is also an indication that it is necessary to mix the batch (for 4-5 days) (Uygun, 2012). It ranges from 3 to 9 weeks, depending on the composition of the compound to be composted by the transitional stack composting process and the pace of transfer. Eight weeks is the time for composting materials such as fertilizer. If 3 weeks of composting is required, the batch should be mixed 1 to 3 times in the first week and 3 to 5 days in the following weeks (Taiwo, 2011).

### ***2.1.3 Composting in a ventilated static stack***

It is possible to shape two kinds of stacks: passive and pressurized ventilation. Perforated pipes that are exposed at one end are buried in a stack in a passive ventilation system. Two subjects, positive and negative pressure, are studied in the ventilated system with pressure. Generally, the pressurized ventilation

system helps keep the composting process in check, and larger stacks can be installed (Ozturk et al., 2015).

#### **2.1.4 Passive ventilation system**

Perforated pipes are mounted in the stacks in the passive method to provide air input into the stack. There are open ends of these tubes. The air travels to the pipes and then to the stack due to the chimney effect caused by the rise of the hot gas out of the sequential stack (Uygun, 2012). The compost pile should be 0.9-1.2 m in height. To absorb moisture, to deter flies, to help maintain odour and ammonia, the mixture should be spread on a floor made of grass, peat moss or finished compost, and ammonia, and to isolate the sequenced stack. The ventilation pipes are placed on the peat or compost-covered ground. The pipes are removed after composting is done and the materials in the compartment are combined with compost (Uygun, 2012). It is a system that comes from the milk house with bovine and small cattle farms for composting animal feces. When experiments are analyzed, it has been shown that composting has worked best in this technique at a bulk temperature below 50 ° C. Seafood or peat moss mixtures are composted within 6-8 weeks, and mixtures of animal stools are composted within 10-12 weeks (Ozturk & Bildik, 2005).

#### **2.1.5 Compressed ventilation system**

In composting odorous substances such as sewage sludge, the pressurized ventilation system ensures that ventilation is maintained regularly, reducing composting time and reducing odor (Stofella and Kahn, 2001). Perforated pipes are placed under the stacks at intervals as high as the height to maintain the temperature and oxygen content in the compost stacks within the desired range. The pressurized air supply is attached to one of the pipes and the other is closed (Ozturk *et al.*, 2015). If the batch temperature is kept between 55-65 ° C, composting is completed between 1-2 months. It is also held for 2 months for maturation. The height varies between 2-5 m for the pressurized vent stacks. The width is chosen to be twice the height of the stacks. If more stack width is to be picked, ventilation pipes should be mounted at height-like intervals (Diaz et al., 2007). The length of the stack ranges from 20-80 m. Depending on the specifications of the stacking machines, the amount of compost space, the specifications of the supplier of compressed air and the weight of the material to be compacted, these values differ (Stofella and Kahn, 2001). There is no movement of the organic materials that are injected into the compressed air system and must be thoroughly combined before pumping (Taiwo 2011).

In the negative pressure method, by means of a filter valve, air is drawn from the outside of the stack into the end of the pile. Unpleasant odors can prevent the filter at the end of the pipe from forming. In a positive pressure device, air flows through the stack to the outside. Odor issues can occur for this reason. A thicker composting layer should be used for this, so that the filter function can be demonstrated by the outer layer of the heap (Uygun, 2012).

## **2.2 Anaerobic composting**

In an anaerobic system, anaerobic composting is the biodegradation of organic substances. Numerous intermediates, such as methane, carbon dioxide, and low molecular weight organic acids, are the metabolic end products of anaerobic digestion. Hummus is present in the final product in aerobic composting, while it is in the form of mud in anaerobic composting. Aerobic and anaerobic compost approaches have composting rates of 42 percent and 33 percent, respectively. Around 12 percent of organic solid wastewater taken as a reactant based on wet weight is converted into biogas containing 55-60 percent CH<sub>4</sub> in the anaerobic compost process. It's possible to generate 130-160 m<sup>3</sup> of biogas per ton of organic solid waste (Uygun, 2012).

### **2.2.1 Composting in closed reactors**

Composting in an enclosed environment reactor in a closed building in a building, duct or any reactor is subject to the decomposition of compost raw materials. The explanation for this is that the odour encourages and speeds up the process by reducing the problems and regulating the variables that play a role in the composting process, such as temperature, oxygen, humidity, microorganism and pH. Regardless of the fact that the first investment cost is the highest, because of the above-mentioned features, its usage has increased in recent years and labor costs are low and land needs are low (Diaz et al., 2007). In the closed setting, organic materials brought into the reactor undergo rapid fermentation first (active composting) and are subsequently removed from the reactor and left for slow fermentation by the transfer batch process. Depending on the chosen reactor type, active composting takes 1 to 2 weeks. Composting takes place for a total of 4 to 12 weeks with a maturation period.

For commercial purposes, a large majority of composting techniques in the closed reactor have been developed. In the closed reactor, there are numerous composting types. These are: Vertical piston stream reactor, horizontal piston flow reactor, silo style reactor, horizontal rotary drum reactor, rectangular horizontal and open top tank, vertical reactor mixing, rectangular bearings mixing (Ozturk et al., 2015).

### **2.3 Composting technologies used to reduce solid wastes at the source**

Different and easy methods are used to compost and reduce the organic waste produced in the garden and houses at the source. First of all, the proper identification of the waste generated is important for this. How much time, energy and time will be expended on biodegradation following the characterization of waste should be determined. Which techniques should be employed should be decided. Considering that due to piling, compost balancing, and final product discharge and paving, the traditional composting system needs a lot of effort, the following methods can be practically used. Pit composting, river composting, composting in garbage bins, soil composting, surface composting process for plant roots, worm composting, composting systems for banks and cabinets, composting in buildings.

### **2.4 Anaerobic Digestion**

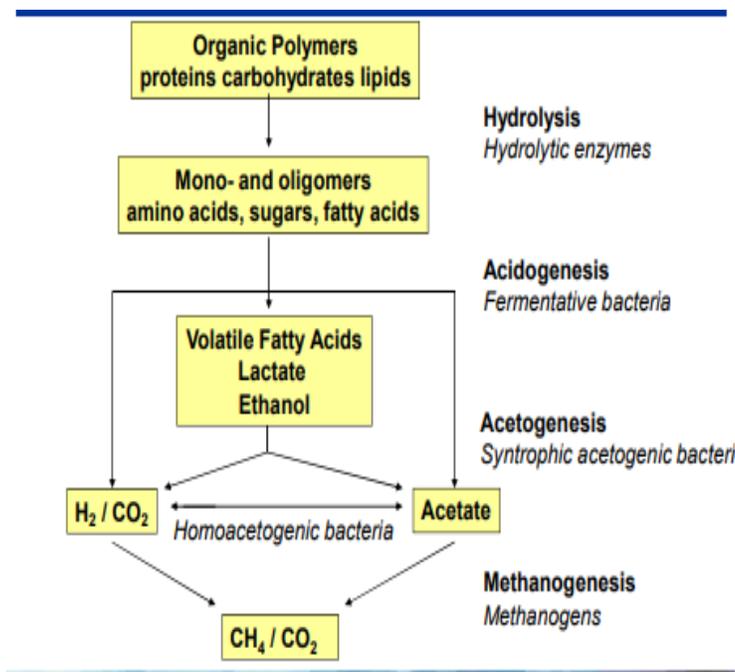
Anaerobic Digestion is a sequence of biochemical processes in which, in the absence of oxygen, microorganisms degrade organic matter to create a methane-rich (CH<sub>4</sub>) 'biogas' that has the ability to generate thermal and/or electrical energy. Anaerobic digestion is a biochemical treatment process that enables a myriad of organic waste to be stabilized, from complex lignocellulosic materials to easily degradable food waste, while generating renewable energy at the same time, recovering fibers and fibers and nutrients for soil amendment, and offsetting GHG emissions. The most adequate and environmentally friendly technology to address the challenge of handling the 1.3 billion tons of food waste generated worldwide each year may be anaerobic digestion (FAO, 2013). The environment benefits from diverting food waste from landfilling and also offers an opportunity to introduce innovative strategies for waste management that better suit a circular economy. The most effective and environmentally friendly technology to address the challenge of handling the 1.3 billion tons of food waste generated worldwide every year may be anaerobic digestion (FAO, 2013). The ecosystem benefits from diverting food waste from landfilling and also offers an opportunity to introduce sustainable strategies for waste management that suit a circular economy better. Food waste and other forms of organic matter can be converted into biogas, a gas composed primarily of methane, carbon dioxide, and water vapor, by anaerobic digestion. The combustible component of biogas that is then transformed into a usable source of energy (e.g. electrical, thermal) is methane. In anaerobic digestion, organic feedstocks in an atmosphere free of oxygen are broken down by bacteria. Digesters can be used alone to digest food waste, or they can be co-digested in wastewater treatment plants with bio solids and used to complement manure on farms. Although food waste-only digestion facilities are not widespread and data on them is scarce, co-

digestion of food waste with bio solids and manure is becoming increasingly common. Land may be applied as a soil alteration or composted from anaerobic digestion.

### Anaerobic Digestion process

In a phased process also called hydrolysis, acetogenesis, and methanogenesis, anaerobic digestion of lignocellulosic waste occurs. Via hydrolysis, the molecular structure of the biodegradable component of waste containing proteins and carbohydrates is first broken down. The lipids are converted to fatty acids and amino acids that are volatile. Sugars and amino acids are hydrolyzed from carbohydrates and proteins. In acetogenesis, these by-products are used by acid forming bacteria to produce intermediate products such as propionate and butyrate. The degradation of these intermediate products into hydrogen and acetate results from more microbial action. Hydrogen ( $H_2$ ) and acetate ( $CH_3COO$ ) are absorbed by methanogenic bacteria to produce  $CH_4$  and carbon dioxide methane.

Figure 1: Anaerobic Digestion process



Source: Uygun, 2012

### **3.0 ADVANCE TECHNOLOGIES FOR FOOD WASTE RECYCLING**

#### **3.0 Introduction**

A number of innovations are currently evolving and/or being economically and environmentally developed as feasible alternatives to existing food waste landfilling practices. These technologies cover the broad range of opportunities for the management of food waste, from small commercial establishment

#### **3.1 ANAEROBIC DIGESTION**

##### *Wet/Dry Anaerobic Digestion*

In an oxygen free environment, this process uses bacteria to disintegrate organic matter. In the absence of oxygen, the regulated decomposition of organic materials by microbes produces fertilizer solids, water and biogas (about 70% methane, 28% CO<sub>2</sub>). In an oxygen free environment, this process uses bacteria to disintegrate organic matter. In the absence of oxygen, the regulated decomposition of organic materials by microbes produces fertilizer solids, water and biogas (about 70% methane, 28% CO<sub>2</sub>). Accepted products are (types of food and compostable or degradable bags, etc.): All organic products, except woody organics (timber, tree branches), such as paper and degradable luggage. Additional sorting equipment (trommels, air-sifters) can be added to accept and isolate all MSW in large plants. ArrowBio, Valorga, FEED Resource Recovery Etc. are the leading suppliers.

#### **3.2 AEROBIC DIGESTION**

Aerobic digestion utilizes micro-organisms to oxidize and decompose organics in the presence of oxygen. Aerobic digestion utilizes micro-organisms to oxidize and decompose organics in the presence of oxygen. Aerobic digestion is a biochemical mechanism used to turn biogenic solid waste into a substance that is healthy and humus-like. To help the metabolism of the aerobic microorganisms composting the substrate, aerobic conversion utilizes air or oxygen. Composting and activated sludge waste water disposal procedures require aerobic digestion.

##### *Food Waste to Water and Food Waste Dehydration*

**Food Waste to Water:** Food waste is aerobically broken down by the presence of oxygen by natural bacteria that create neutral grey water nutrients, which are disposed of via the sewage system.

**Food Waste Dehydration:** The food waste is transferred to the machine, where heat and agitation are applied to evaporate the moisture. Subject to state regulations approval, the moisture is then collected and disposed of via the sewer and the remaining dried pulp (about 20 percent of the volume / mass of original

food waste) is removed and disposed of through landfill, as a feedstock for composting operations, or potentially as an ingredient in animal feed and soil fertilizers. Can process all food waste materials (although with limited efficacy of animal bones) and soiled paper, waxed cardboard and napkins in addition.

### ***Vermicomposting***

By using epigeic compost worms such as *Eisenia foetida*, *Lumbricus rubellus* and *Eudriluseugeniae*, vermicompost quality can be effectively increased by supplementing the organic waste used with cow urine for vermicomposting. Pure urine, however, may be used during the initial composting cycle (before the addition of worms) to humidify organic waste. The cow's urine can be diluted with an equivalent volume of water following the initiation of worm activity. Vermicomposting with a higher amount of nitrogen (N) content will yield this technique. In addition, worms can be enhanced to be active and vermicompost can be harvested at least 10 days in advance.

## **3.3 THERMOCHEMICAL PROCESSES**

### ***Liquefaction***

Liquefaction turns solid food waste into liquid waste that can be released into the urban waste water system. In order to shred food waste, biological liquefaction systems use mechanical grinders, which are then combined with water and patented additives to aid decomposition. These "wet" systems are also precisely suited to various food waste types. This combination of air, water and microorganisms accelerates the decomposition of food waste and converts it into liquid waste that can be released after approximately 14 days into the municipal waste water system. These systems have a capacity range from under 20 lbs / day to 6,000 lbs / day, and as such, in large facilities such as schools, hospitals, jails, and hotels, the majority of these wet systems are in operation.

### ***Hydrolysis***

This method breaks down organic waste; the organic matter of cellulose is converted into glucose, which can be fermented into ethanol. The catalyst or enzymes allows the sugars in the pretreated material within cellulose and hemicellulose to be isolated and released over a period of time. It is then necessary to ferment these sugars into ethanol. It is possible to hydrolyze cellulose by many ways, including acids or enzymes.

Diluted or condensed acid is used to hydrolyze cellulose in acid hydrolysis. Crushed biomass is usually processed at process temperatures close to 460 ° F in a dilute acid medium. Initially, concentrated sulfuric

acid can also be used to decrystallise cellulose before the process of diluting acid. Enzymes extracted from common fungi are utilized in enzymatic hydrolysis. Enzymatic processes are commercially untested, but it is assumed that they would have a substantial cost advantage over acid processes once improved.

### ***Gasification***

By reacting at high temperatures (> 700 degrees C) with a regulated quantity of oxygen and/or steam, gasification transforms organic materials into carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and carbon dioxide. Thermochemical conversion by means of high temperature changes the chemical structure of the biomass. The gasification agent enables feedstock to be rapidly transformed into gas by means of various heterogeneous reactions. Because of inadequate oxygen, it is a partial fuel feedstock combustion that induces incomplete oxidation to prevent complete combustion. Syngas (CO, H<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> combination), and ash or slag. In a number of uses, such as a road base additive or in building bricks and architectural tiles, ash and slag can be reused. The levels of pollutants and contaminants inside the generated ash / slag are exceedingly high in some applications and land filling is needed.

### ***Pyrolysis***

In the absence of oxygen, pyrolysis is the heating of an organic material that results in the decomposition of the organic material into gases and charcoal. Biomass undergoes a series of changes during pyrolysis and typically yields a mixture of gases, liquids and solids. The method includes the simultaneous change in chemical composition and physical process, the processing of flammable syngas (CO & H<sub>2</sub>), liquids (predominantly crude oils), and high 'char' carbon content. The composition of end products will be determined by the quality of the inputs (petrochemical based versus organic waste based). Inputs based on organic and municipal food waste will produce mainly syngas, while plastic-based waste will generate a mainly crude oil-based production. At the municipality level, the technology could be used most efficiently, providing recycling of a large proportion of the Municipal Food Waste Stream in combination with separately recycled or co-mixed plastics. The existence of outputs (syngas and crude oil) implies that larger operations and related economies of scale will provide the greatest financial benefits.

Alternatively, the scalability of the technology will also make it possible to produce a large amount of food and plastic waste products for slightly smaller applications, such as colleges and malls, although the financial returns would not recover the capital and operational costs.

### **3.4 ENERGY RECOVERY**

#### ***Rendering***

Food waste consisting of animal by-products, fats and oils can be processed into saleable goods, such as high-protein meat, seeds or fats, used in the manufacture of animal feed, soap, coatings and varnishes, cosmetics, explosives, toothpaste, pharmaceuticals, leather, textiles, lubricants, biofuels and other useful products. Using edible rendering processes or inedible rendering processes, rendering can be achieved. Usually, edible rendering plants work in combination with meat processing plants and manufacture edible fats and proteins (e.g. lard and edible tallow), while tallow and grease are provided by inedible plants. Using either wet or dry methods, inedible rendering is achieved. Wet rendering, by boiling in water, removes fat from raw materials. To release the fat, dry rendering dehydrates the raw material. In North America, there are approximately 300 rendering facilities. Integrated rendering plants are those working in conjunction with animal slaughterhouses or poultry processing plants, while independent rendering plants collect their raw materials from a range of offsite sources, such as butcher shops, supermarkets, restaurants, and farms, processors of poultry or slaughterhouses.

### **4.0 CHALLENGES WITH FOOD WASTE RECYCLING**

Food waste and food co-product waste are massive and cause immense environmental, economic and social problems (Mourad, 2016): approximately 1.3 billion tons of sustenance are lost or wasted every year (FAO, 2014) while packaging and non-consumable food-change-related materials are added to the consumer, industry and atmosphere by adding weights. The problem of food waste and its concern with landfill has captured the attention of governments, environmental and social organizations, and scholastics with global climate change problems and its numerous effects on ecosystems and resource depletion, turning into an undeniably earnest need (FAO, 2014). As the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has indicated, food waste is actually the single biggest form of waste entering landfills. Food waste contributes to a rise in the use of water and fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions, i.e. methane and carbon dioxide from food degradation in landfills. The environmental effects of food waste can therefore be classified in two ways: (1) it is related to the degradation and conveyance of the natural resources used to produce it (such as soil depletion); and (2) it is related to the costs associated with the processing of waste.

Food comprises of different materials in which some may compost quicker than the other. Other than this, a few things may give out a specific sort of odor which might be unbearable. Meat, bones and dairy items

take more time to deteriorate and give out a questionable smell. Then again, vegetable pieces, centers, strips, grains whether they are cooked or crude, stale bread, utilized tea leaves, espresso beans will break down a lot quicker. One can likewise put in egg shells and corn cobs however this will set aside more effort to disintegrate than vegetables.

AD of sustenance is confronting numerous technical, economic, and social challenges. One relevant technical test is that it decreases system stability or induces low methane yield or foaming when it lacks succinct procedure control and optimization (Grimberg et al., 2015). The rapid conversion of easily digestible food waste to volatile fatty acids (VFAs) at an early stage of the digestion process results in a normal form of structure and system instability, resulting in an extreme pH drop if no appropriate buffering limit is available (Zhang et al., 2012).

In food waste, the high protein and lipid material often effectively contributes to inhibitory levels of smelling salts, hydrogen sulfide, and long-chain fatty acids, or induces digester foaming (Subramanian and Pagilla, 2015). As a consequence, to avoid process failure, food waste AD must also be carried out at low organic loading rates (OLR) of 2-3 g / L / d of chemical oxygen demand (COD) (Hecht and Griehl, 2009).

AD systems have increased capital and their profits are largely attributed to the elimination of natural waste disposal expenditures and the sale of electricity and methane. Increasing the stacking and structure power of food waste is essential to the monetary suitability of food waste AD. Co-digestion with animal manure or sewage sludge is a standard practice for food waste AD, as the alkalinity and micronutrients needed for the AD procedure can be supplied by animal manure and sewage sludge.

Recycling isn't always cost-effective. The establishment of another waste recycling unit, however, takes up a great deal of money. The expenses include buying different kinds of utility vehicles, upgrading the recycling unit, waste and chemical disposal, and tutoring local people by starting useful projects and workshops. Once again, food waste recycling sites are constantly unhygienic, unsafe and unattractive. Areas where each waste route is heaped provide a decent base for garbage creation and the spread of irresistible infections. Often hazardous may be the toxic chemicals from these wastes. The entire recycling process poses health risks for committed individuals responsible for recycling these waste materials, in addition to causing massive pollution. Even, if such waste products come into contact with

water, it results in leachate formation that ends up contaminating bodies of water, not to mention drinking water.

## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

### **Conclusion**

Food waste, as observed in many studies, has detrimental environmental, economic, and social consequences. It is also seen as part of the composite of measures required to resolve the problem of food security faced by the world's population. Food waste and its management have been placed on the global agenda by these realities. Nevertheless, Guatemala, which accounts for 6 percent of global food losses in Latin America (FAO, 2014), still lacks specific strategies to tackle the issue. And the perspectives of various actors in the country with direct ties to the management and handling of substantial quantities of food remain unknown.

This paper quickly portrayed and investigated the various parts of recycling approaches for food waste, impacts of substrates, the methodologies used, advanced developments on these frameworks, and concisely the difficulties in the recycling of the food squander. The above paper finds out that, recycling of food waste facilities and produce clean, renewable energy through thermochemical, biochemical, and physicochemical methods.

In short, thoughtful policies will set the stage for creative, sustainable food waste solutions at the state and local level, acknowledging that each region has its specific challenges and opportunities. The economics of the problem also requires careful consideration as to who should bear the burden, and the benefits of recycling food waste are important for communities that elect to do so, above all.

### **Recommendation**

The production and use of composting and anaerobic digestion should be encouraged with policies directed at promoting the use of this technology not only as an alternative means of energy source, but also as a way of creating job opportunities and affecting the waste management chain with the objective of reducing the final product to be disposed of. Points for opportunities for the recycling of food waste are suggested below.

- 1) There must be shrewd approaches to recycle work around foundations.
- 2) There is no one-size-fits-all solution (we need to be allowed for innovations),

- 3) An overemphasis on the quantity of diversion can have a detrimental effect on quality (it is necessary to strike a balance), and it is vital to refute the misconception that recycling is free while reminding people that it is still useful.

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