

press release

Organic residue fermentation – one step ahead

Through the consistent use of nature's cycle principle, the PÖTTINGER Fermenter combines biogas recovery and composting in a single, innovative solution that addresses both ecological and economic criteria.



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Essentially, the flow of biogenic material streams is very simple: whatever nature provides returns to her. In nature, there's no such thing as waste. However as soon as humans intervene in this perfectly tuned cycle, things get complicated. Human hands produce mountains of waste and high CO₂ emissions cause the natural equilibrium to swing out of balance. After fundamentally avoiding it in the first place, the practical recycling of organic residues is the best solution for sustainably protecting the earth's resources and putting back in what has been taken out.

Efficient power from residues, inspired by nature

It was on this background that the innovative PÖTTINGER Fermenter was developed. It is a forward-looking response to the challenges of responsibly dealing with biogenic material flows. Inspired entirely by nature, it is optimised for the recycling of organic residues. Unlike simple disposal and burning, the material cycle closes both in terms of economics and ecology when a

PÖTTINGER Fermenter is used. The intelligent combination of biogas generation and composting therefore not only adds up in financial terms, but it also saves the atmosphere around 267 kg of CO₂ per tonne of bio-waste.

„Out of the box“ sustainability

The PÖTTINGER Fermenter is a flexibly scalable system comprising a container box with integrated control unit and at least 3 and up to a maximum of 15 further container boxes for residue conversion. Its capacity is 58 m³ in each case. Thanks to its modular structure, the system can be adapted to individual requirements with annual capacities of 1,000 to 5,000 t. The containers are not concreted and are therefore also not tied to one location. A reduction in the output required is therefore just as quick to implement as an increase. The self-contained system inside the Fermenter boxes also means a significant reduction in odour emissions with sensitive input materials, such as leftover food, out-of-date produce and sewage sludge.

The recycling of organic residues in the containers is based on the process of dry fermentation. In a three-stage process, CO₂-neutral methane is produced which can be converted into green power and heat, purified into bio-gas with the quality of natural gas or can be used to power bio-LNG vehicles. Following this three-week fermentation cycle, the former waste can be easily turned into compost and therefore used as a high-quality humus fertiliser.

The investment costs for the infrastructure required and operation of the system are manageable. Existing technology such as wheel loaders or compost turners can be used. Additional equipment, such as stirrers or pumps, however, are not required. The starter material does not need to be pre-treated and requires no further intensive input during its time in the Fermenter.

Powerful system for local applications

Perfect for a locally autonomous recycling economy, the PÖTTINGER Fermenter is especially suitable for use in agriculture, the food industry, local waste management or as an addition to existing composting facilities.

In local authority use, for example, the energy obtained from only around 1,000 tons of bio-residues can be used to provide around 40 households with electricity and heat. Regional recycling and integration into the existing collection system results in no additional transport being required, with the transport of the PÖTTINGER Fermenter also exhibiting an excellent ecological footprint overall.

About PÖTTINGER Entsorgungstechnik GmbH & Co KG

The forward-looking environmental technology start-up was formed in 2017 from PÖTTINGER Entsorgungstechnik GmbH with the focus on consistently utilising nature's cycle principle, establishing the sustainable recovery and storage of energy in combination with humus formation as the „missing link“ in alternative forms of energy. The innovative PÖTTINGER Fermenter system solution transforms organic residues using the efficient 3-A method into biogas and compost. Following the vision of the sole owner Klaus Pöttinger, the Fermenter's technology is designed to save our atmosphere 1 million tonnes of CO₂. Even just one installed PÖTTINGER Fermenter system helps, with a saving of around 7,500 tonnes of CO₂, and the goal being striven for can be achieved with just around 150 installed systems.

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