

Reuse of Greywater by Using Root Zone Technique

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ABSTRACT- Root Zone Technology is one amongst the low price strategies to treat wastewater. Root zone treatment is a designed technique of purifying waste water because it passes through by artificial means created soil area. It's thought of as a good and reliable secondary and tertiary treatment method. The pollutants are removed by numerous physical, chemical and biogeochemical processes like sedimentation, absorption, and nitrification also as through uptake by soil plants. Root zone systems are reported to be most fitted for schools, hospitals, hotels and for smaller communities.

Constructed wetland treatment systems are operative in several of the European and American countries. Vital advances have been created within the engineering data of making constructed wetlands. There's growing interest also in India to develop and adopt the technology for water pollution management to suit the native conditions. The raw Grey water and treated Grey water were collected sporadically and tested for quality by commonplace methods. It's seen that reed bed unit is reducing the concentrations of TSS, TDS, BOD, COD by 63 % , 79% , 86%, 53% severally on associate average. The treated Grey water will be used for farming, gardening or for flushing the water closet.

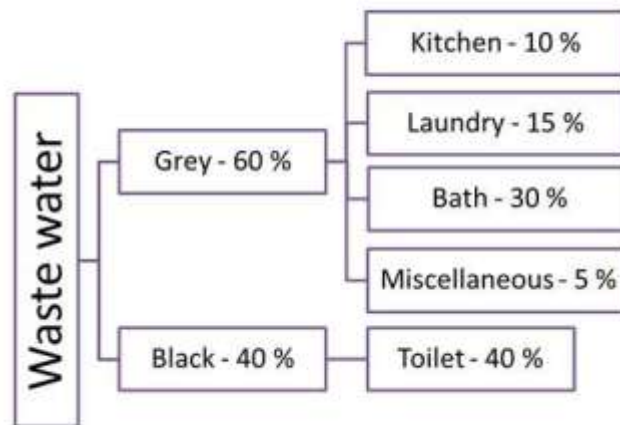
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I. INTRODUCTION

The urban water bodies in tropical

countries are underneath severe threat each quantitatively also as qualitatively. Majority of them are eutrophicated with nutrient load. They're the worst victims of redoubled urbanization, domestic waste water/sewage and municipal waste, primarily as a result of widening gap between the increasing effluent generation and inconvenience of commensuration economical resources to handle the problem through conventional technologies. Hence Biological machines like Root zone technology (constructed wetlands) might encourage be a completely unique tool for property management of water bodies. These systems have sure benefits as compared to traditional systems. Root zone systems operate entirely on alternative energy hence are low cost, operation and maintenance free technology. The power of Root zone systems to assimilate nutrients is taken in to account a helpful attribute in treating wastewater.

Within the wetlands, nutrient removal from waste water happens because of totally different mechanisms : (1) plant uptake; (2) microorganisms residing on the plant roots that rework nutrients (mainly nitrogen) into inorganic compounds (ammonium and nitrate) and (3) physical processes, resembling deposit and filtration. The treatment processes are varied and disagree in line with the sort of flow (surface flow, submersed vertical flow, and subsurface horizontal flow), species of plant, conception of the system (dimensions and number of beds) and structure of stratum (soil or gravel)



1.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE WORK:

The objectives of this research is to

- Investigate and characterize the grey water generated the ready adsorbent to extend its pore area.
- Investigate the practicability of applying changed root zone system to treat the grey water generated in laboratory scale.
- To work out the potency of created root zone system for treating grey water.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

- 1 Poonam Thorat et al (2019) Grey water is water from bathroom, sinks, showers and laundry machines. Reusing grey water for irrigation reconnects urban residents and our backyard gardens to the natural water cycle. Root zone treatment system has proved to be a good technique of use the grey water. During this paper, the effectiveness of the soil plant *Colocasia esculenta* and waste biomass within the treatment of Grey water by horizontal submersed flow root zone system were studied.[1]
- 2 Vinita Vipat et al (2008) The urban water bodies in tropical developing countries are the worst victim of domestic effluent / sewage, primarily as a result of the widening gap between the increasing waste water generation and inconvenience of commensurating economical resources to handle the problem through typical technologies. Hence, biological machines might encourage be a completely unique tool for property management of water bodies. Rootzone technology being natural biological systems operative entirely on solar energy is low pice and virtually negligible operation and maintenance. [2]
- 3 G. Bhaskar (2009) The term root zone encompasses the life interactions of bacteria, the roots of the soil plants, soil, air, sun associated water. Root zone treatment is an designed technique of purifying waste water because it passes through by artificial means created wetland area. It's thought of as a good and reliable secondary and tertiary treatment method. et al[3]
- 4 M.S. Fountoulakis et al (2016) Nowadays, one of the foremost fascinating issues for waste water use is that the on-the-scene treatment and use of greywater. Throughout this study the efficiency of a compact Submerged Membrane Bioreactor (SMBR) system to treat real greywater in an extremely single house in Crete, Greece, was examined. At intervals the study, greywater was collected from a bathtub, shower and washer containing necessary amounts of organic matter and pathogens. Chemical oxygen demand (COD) removal within the system was on the subject of 87%. Total suspended solids (TSS) were reduced from 95 mg L⁻¹ in the incoming to 8 mg L⁻¹ in the effluent.[4]
- 5 M. Preethi Abinaya R. Loganath (2015) During this paper, the effectiveness of the soil plant *Arum* and waste biomass in the treatment of Grey water by horizontal submersed flow root zone system were studied. Grey water is water from bathroom, sinks, showers and laundry machines. Reusing grey water for irrigation reconnects urban residents and our grounds gardens to the natural water cycle. Root zone treatment system has proved to be a good

technique of use the grey water.[5]

III. METHODOLOGY

A. ROOT ZONE TECHNIQUE

Rootzone Treatment Systems (RZTS) use natural processes to effectively treat domestic & industrial effluents. This technology was developed throughout the seventies in Germany and since then displayed everywhere the world. The method incorporates the automatic dynamics of a specially designed soil eco-system. RZTS are by currently renowned in temperate climates and are simple to work on-site treatment facilities, that involve less installation, maintenance and operational costs than the traditional treatment methods. Also RZTS provide price effective choices for decentralization of effluent treatment.

The term Rootzone encompasses the

interactions of varied species of bacteria, fungi and different microorganisms, the basis of soil plants (helophytes), filter media, sun and, of course, water. The helophytes conduct oxygen through their stems into their root systems and make favourable conditions for the expansion of aerobic microorganisms. Since the method happens in a very deep filter bed, aerobic and anaerobic zones exist facet by side. The wastewater enters the root zone horizontally or vertically and it passes through the system where the organic pollutants are rotten biochemically by the microorganisms present within the rhizosphere of the helophytes. The filter media are selected or mixed carefully to produce favourable conditions for each plants and microorganism growth and to make sure optimum hydraulic load.

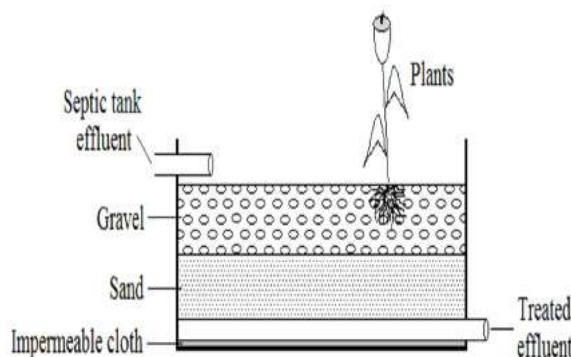


Figure 1 :- Root Zone Technique

3.2 Procedure For Testing Greywater Parameter:

A. Grey water parameters:

Effluent contains a range of inorganic and organic substances from domestic sources. The Grey water parameters like pH scale, TDS, TSS, BOD and COD were examined. The procedure followed for calculating the parameters are the standardized strategies

B. Determination of pH :

At first pH meter was calibrated mistreatment pH scale 9.2 and pH 4 buffer solution. In a very clean dry 100ml beaker the water sample was taken. The conductor was immersed within the beaker containing the water sample and therefore the reading of the pH meter was checked. So the pH of the collected sample was resolve using pH meter.

C. Determination of Biological Oxygen demand:

Dilution water is needed so as to work out Biological oxygen demand. Thus dilution water was prepared by adding 5ml of calcium chloride,

Magnesium sulphate, Ferric chloride and phosphate buffer to 5 litres of organic free aerated distilled water. To start with, four 300ml glass closed material body bottles (two bottles for the sample and two bottles for blank) were taken. In this bottle 10 ml of the sample was additional to every of the two BOD bottles and therefore the remaining amount was crammed with dilution water. The remaining two BOD bottles are for blank and to those empty bottles, dilution water alone were added. One blank solution then one sample solution bottle were named Blank 5 and Sample 5 respectively. These named bottles were preserved in setup at 20 ° C for 5 days . The opposite two bottles i.e one blank and one sample were analysed immediately.

2ml of Manganese sulphate and 2ml of alkali halide chemical compound reagent were additional to the BOD bottle . As shortly because the material has settled to the bottom, the contents were jolted totally by turning the bottle upside down. Then to a similar content, 2ml of conc. Sulphuric acid was added employing a measuring device control

simply higher than the surface of the sample and at that moment the bottle was inverted many times to dissolve the floc. From that 200 ml was transferred to Erlenmeyer flask for volumetric analysis purpose. For the titration the measuring instrument was crammed with Sodium thiosulphate solution, sample because the measuring device solution and was titrated untill yellow colour of liberated iodine was virtually pale out. To end, 1 ml of starch solution was additional and therefore the volumetric analysis was continued till blue colour disappears to colourless. The quantity of Sodium thiosulphate consumed was noted and it's the DO (Dissolved oxygen) in mg/l. The similar titration was continual for concordant values. Once 5 days of completion, the same procedure was repeated for the Blank 5 and Sample 5. Blank Correction (BC) was calculated by subtracting 5th day blank DO from the Initial Blank DO. By mistreatment the following formula the Biological Oxygen Demand was determined.

$$BOD(mg/l) = \frac{(D_0 - D_5 - BC) \times \text{Volume of Diluted Sample}}{\text{Volume of sample taken}}$$

D0 = Initial DO of the sample
 D5 = 5th day DO of the sample
 BC = Blank Correction

D. Determination of Chemical Oxygen demand:

20 ml of the collected sample was additional in 500ml refluxing flask. 5 to 7 glass boiling beads were added to function anti-bumping aid followed by the addition of 1g of mercurous sulfate. 10ml of salt was added and mixed; whereas mixture these solution, 30 ml of silver sulphate solution was added. The solution was refluxed for 2 hrs and so the equipment was then cooled to room temperature once the refluxing period. Finally the solution was titrated with metal ammonia sulfate mistreatment ferroin indicator and therefore the color modification from blue inexperienced to red indicates the tip point. The quantity of ferrous ammonium sulphate consumed was noted. A similar procedure is continual for blank solution.

$$COD = \frac{(A - B) \times N \times 8000}{\text{ml of the sample}}$$

A = Volume of ferrous ammonium sulphate consumed for Blank
 B = Volume of ferrous ammonium sulphate consumed for Sample
 N = Normality of ferrous ammonium sulphate

E. Determination of TDS and TSS:

A transparent ceramic ware dish was taken and weighed (W1). Then 20 ml of the sample were taken within the porcelain dish and it had been maintained at 103 0 C untill the water gets gaseous. The weight is noted (W2).

$$\text{Total Solids}(mg/l) = \frac{(W_2 - W_1) \times 1000}{\text{Volume of the Sample taken}}$$

Another ceramic ware dish was taken and weighed (W3). 20 ml of the sample was filtered through a double stratified filter paper and therefore the filtrate was taken within the porcelain dish and it was maintained at 103 0 C till the water get evaporated. The load is noted (W4).

$$\text{Total Dissolved Solids}(mg/l) = \frac{(W_4 - W_3) \times 1000}{\text{Volume of the Sample taken}}$$

$$\text{Total Suspended Solids}(mg/l) = \text{Total Solids} - \text{Total Dissolved Solids}$$

IV. RESULTS

A. Characteristics of Grey water :

The Grey water sample was analyzed to work out general characteristics. The results obtained are analyzed.

B. Concentration of varied parameters before treatment:

The Grey water is collected and before rental to the Horizontal submersed flow root zone the assorted parameters are tested . The values so obtained are tabulated in Table I

Table I : Characteristics of Greywater before treatment

Parameters	Samples		
	1	2	3
pH	7.3	8	8.2
BOD(mg/l)	120	187	284
COD(mg/l)	439	482	536
TDS(mg/l)	720	841	835
TSS(mg/l)	324	399	536

C. Concentration of varied parameters once treatment:

The treated water obtained from the Horizontal subsurface flow root zone were collected and so various parameters are tested . The values so obtained are tabulated in Table II.

Table II :Characteristics of Greywater after treatment

Parameters	Samples		
	1	2	3
pH	7	7.35	7.6
BOD(mg/l)	30	87	29
COD(mg/l)	221	218	237
TDS(mg/l)	321	392	278
TSS(mg/l)	84	97	103

V. CONCLUSIONS

The waste water discharged in a very Society setting was analyzed to work out its characteristics. TSS, BOD and TN. Significantly show massive variations. The basis zone technique (constructed soil) was utilized on a work scale to treat the waste water. The results were compared with the traditional treatment.

Supported the experimental results, the subsequent conclusions are made.

- 1 This study incontestible that the designed sub-surface horizontal flow created wetland system might be used for treatment of the society waste water. A created soil system will be a good treatment facility for field waste water.
- 2 Relating to the performance achieved, the sub-surface horizontal flow constructed wetland was able to scale back any the extent of the most chemical science pollution parameters. The plants do play a very important role within the treatment.
- 3 The treatment level was full of not solely by the modification of seasons, however conjointly by the variation in incoming quality and quantity.

- 4 The experimental results incontestible the practicability of applying sub-surface horizontal flow constructed wetland unit to treat Society waste waters. So the basis root zone treatment will be used severally or as associate to traditional treatment for complete treatment of waste water.

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