Automated Kitchen Waste Decomposer Unit with Buzzing System

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Abstract—In a world full of environmental challenges, the need for sustainable solutions in everyday practices is foremost. As cities grow, we're producing more and more kitchen waste, which can harm the environment if not managed properly.

Also, traditional farming depends heavily on chemical fertilizers, which can damage the soil and lead to unhealthy environment. The main goal of the "Automated kitchen waste decomposer unit with buzzing system" project is to solve problems like what to do with all the food waste from kitchens, and how to make farming better for the environment. "Automated kitchen waste decomposer unit with buzzing system" offers an innovative approach to kitchen waste management by the conversion process of kitchen waste into liquid fertilizer and Dry Soil Mixture. That's where the "Automated kitchen waste decomposer unit with buzzing system " project comes in. We're creating a clever system that turns kitchen scraps into a special plant food, liquid fertilizer and soil compost. Which results in less waste in landfills and healthier farming. Ultimately, we're all about making our environment cleaner and helping communities is more sustainable for the future.

Index Terms—Kitchen Waste, Chemical Fertilizers, Buzzing System, Liquid Fertilizer Soil Compost.

I. INTRODUCTION

The main goal of the "Automated kitchen waste decomposer unit with buzzing system" project is to solve two big problems: what to do with all the food waste from kitchens, and how to make farming better for the environment. We're creating a system that can turn that food waste into special kind organic fertilizers of plant called liquid fertilizer and Dry Soil Mixture. This helps cut down on the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and provides farmers with a natural alternative to chemical fertilizers that can harm the environment. We're aiming to help households, restaurants, and other places that produce a lot of food waste by giving them a practical way to turn that waste into something useful for growing plants. Ultimately, we want to make a positive impact on the environment by encouraging responsible waste management and promoting healthier farming practices.

The "Automated kitchen waste decomposer unit with buzzing system" project tackles the problem of dealing with kitchen waste and making farming more sustainable. As cities grow, we're producing more and more kitchen waste, which can harm the environment if not managed properly. Also, traditional farming depends heavily on chemical fertilizers, which can damage the soil, water, and wildlife. It also reduces the usage of pesticides and insecticide. Our project offers a smart solution: we take kitchen waste and turn it into liquid fertilizer and Dry Soil Mixture using a few steps like chopping, drying, extracting, and filtering. This liquid fertilizer and soil compost contain all the good stuff from the waste that plants need to grow well. By doing this, we're not only reducing waste but also providing a natural alternative to harmful chemicals in farming, which is better for the environment and follows the idea of reusing resources wisely.

II. BENEFITS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY LIVING

A. Reduction of Waste

Kitchen waste, such as vegetable scraps, fruit peels, and coffee grounds, typically ends up in landfills, where it decomposes anaerobically, producing methane, a potent greenhouse gas. By composting this waste, you divert it from landfills, reducing methane emissions and overall waste.

B. Nutrient Recycling

Organic kitchen waste contains valuable nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, which are essential for plant growth. Composting allows these nutrients to be recycled back into the soil, enriching it and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.

C. Energy Savings

Producing compost and liquid fertilizer from kitchen waste requires minimal energy compared to manufacturing synthetic fertilizers.

III. OBJECTIVES

A. Buzzing system

Implement a buzzing system to accelerate the decomposition process, breaking down organic matter more quickly and effectively compared to traditional composting methods.

B. Nutrient-Rich Compost Production

Produce high-quality compost rich in nutrients, which can be used to enrich soil and support plant growth in gardens or landscaping.

C. Convenience and User-Friendliness

Create an automated system that is easy to use and requires minimal maintenance, allowing users to conveniently compost their kitchen waste at home without the need for manual intervention.

D. Pest Control

Develop measures to deter pests, ensuring a pleasant and hygienic composting experience for users.



V. METHODOLOGY

A. Research and Requirement Analysis

Conduct thorough research on existing kitchen waste decomposition technologies and buzzing units. Identify user requirements and expectations for the decomposer, considering factors such as size, capacity, efficiency, and ease of use. Determine the types of kitchen waste commonly generated and the optimal decomposition process for efficient handling.

B. Conceptual Design

Develop conceptual designs for the decomposer system, including collection, segregation, drying, grinding, extraction, filtration, and collection processes.

C. Hardware and Software Development

Design and develop the hardware components required for waste collection, drying, grinding, extraction, filtration, and liquid fertilizer and compost collection. Implement sensors, actuators, controllers, and other electronic components for automation and control. Develop the software algorithms for process automation, including sensor data processing, control logic, and stage transition management. Integrate the buzzing unit with the hardware and software to provide auditory cues for each stage completion.

IV. BLOCK DIAGRAM

VI. WORKING PRINCIPLE

A. Collection and Segregation

Kitchen waste, including vegetable peels, fruit scraps and other organic matter, is collected from households or food establishments. This waste is then segregated to remove non-biodegradable items like plastics or metals.

B. Drying

The collected waste is placed in an open space or a tray for air drying which is suitable for making of Dry Soil Mixture.

C. Stirring and Grinding

The collected organic waste is then fed into a stirring and grinding mechanism. This machine chops the waste into smaller pieces, increasing its surface area for efficient decomposition.

D. Extraction of Liquid

Once the waste is adequately ground, it is transferred to and extraction chamber where water is added. This mixture undergoes a controlled fermentation process, breaking down the organic matter and releasing nutrients into the water.

E Filtration

After fermentation, the mixture is filtered to remove solid particles and large debris. This step ensures that the resulting liquid fertilizer is smooth and free from any solids that could clog distribution systems.

F. Grinding process

Grinding kitchen waste can be a beneficial step in the composting process, especially for materials that decompose slowly or are bulky. Grinding kitchen waste helps break down the organic matter into smaller pieces, which accelerates decomposition and makes it easier for microorganisms to access the material.

VII. ADVANTAGES

A. Environmental Sustainability

By diverting kitchen waste from landfills and minimizes environmental pollution.

B. Resource Efficiency

The liquid fertilizer produced is a valuable resource that can replace chemical fertilizers, reducing the reliance on synthetic inputs and promoting organic farming practices.

C. Community Engagement

Involving households and communities in waste management fosters environmental awareness and encourages responsible disposal practices.

D. Cost Savings

Using homemade liquid fertilizer can potentially save costs associated with purchasing commercial fertilizers, especially for small-scale farmers or urban gardeners.

- Maintenance cost is low
- Pollution free system can be achieved.
- No need of skilled operators to operate this system.
- Both the soil compost (solid) and liquid fertilizer (liquid) can be made.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The main goal was to create a system that makes it easier to break down kitchen garbage and offers timely notifications for a user-friendly experience. Our prototype's successful development shows that using an autonomous kitchen trash decomposer for optimal organic waste management is both feasible and efficient. We have developed a solution that not only solves the problem of kitchen garbage but also encourages sustainable waste management techniques by fusing natural processes with practical elements like the buzzing unit. By making waste management more accessible and simpler, we hope to inspire people to take an active role in lessening their environmental impact and promoting a healthy planet.

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