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# WASTEWATER SOLUTION

**Application:** For municipal wastewater FOG removal applications

BioFOG 4200/ EW4200 dry tan powder

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"BioFOG4200" contains a combination of beneficial microorganisms that is specially blended for municipal waste treatment system applications with high fats, oils, and grease (FOG). "BioFOG4200" is used in municipal wastewaters to improve plant efficiency, increase the FOG degradation capacity, decrease FOG removal costs, and decrease the presence of prevalent FOG filamentous bacteria.

#### **Benefits**

The large diversity of influent constituents and flow seen in a municipal wastewater treatment plant can be challenging and expensive to treat. Often municipal plants will receive wastewater with a high FOG content from residential, commercial, and industrial sources, which introduces a unique set of problems in the treatment process. Excess untreated FOG can cause permit violations, decrease dewatering capabilities, promote growth of FOG filamentous bacteria which can cause foaming, and increase operating time and costs from skimming. As regulations for water treatment have grown increasingly stricter and penalties for permit violations have increased, it has become important to be able to efficiently remove FOG from the wastewater effluent.

FOG is primarily composed of large water-insoluble triglyceride molecules. These triglycerides are made up of a glycerol and three fatty acids (most commonly palmitic, stearic, and oleic acids). While any naturally occurring microorganisms have the ability to produce extracellular enzymes to cleave the fatty acids from the triglyceride, not many organisms have the ability to further break down these fatty acids. As a result, BOD removal efficiency can decrease, pH can drop with the acid buildup, and some of these fatty acids can become volatized as noxious odors.



"BioFOG4200" can greatly simplify plant operations. It helps maintain a healthy microbial community and eliminates FOG-related problems.

# Performance

Using intensive screening process, microorganisms in "BioFOG4200" were carefully selected and patented for their ability to cleave the fatty acids from the triglycerides and degrade them. These patented strains have been demonstrated to metabolize a range of both long- and short-chain fatty acids.

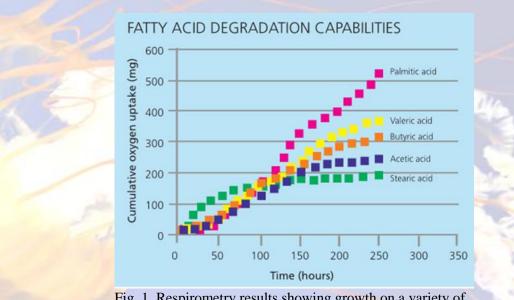


Fig. 1. Respirometry results showing growth on a variety of short- and long-chain fatty acids.

"BioFOG4200" is an effective solution for degrading FOG in municipal wastewater. A plant was experiencing heavy grease loading, which covered most of the surface area of the aeration tank with a greasy foam.

The plant began a program with "BioFOG4200" that was designed to enhance the microbial community's ability to degrade FOG. With regular use over several weeks, "BioFOG4200" degraded the FOG and eliminated all buildup on the surface.





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Fig. 2. Before treatment with heavy FOG.



Fig. 3. During treatment with reduced FOG.



Fig. 4. Ongoing treatment with FOG control.

# **Recommended** use

"BioFOG4200" can be used for multiple applications, including daily dosing to maintain FOG degradation capabilities, increased dosing during upsets caused by high FOG loading and flows, and seeding during plant start-ups. "BioFOG4200" is added daily directly to the aerobic treatment unit. The microorganisms in "BioFOG4200" perform within the pH range 4.5–8.5, with an optimum near 7.0. Wastewater temperature affects activity, with an approximate doubling in maximum growth rate for each 10 °C (18 °F) increase in temperature to an approximate upper limit of 45 °C (113 °F). Very low activity can be expected below 10 °C (45 °F). Specific dosing recommendations are determined based on plant-specific conditions.



The dosage rate for "BioFOG4200" is dependent upon the wastewater constituents, average daily wastewater flow, volume of the biological reactor, and COD load. During the initial seeding period, an increased dosage is used to quickly establish the microorganisms in the system. When the microbial community is properly grown, regular dosing is necessary to maintain an accelerated level of biological activity.

# **Product characteristics**

"BioFOG4200" is available as a dry tan powder.

## Safety, handling, and storage

Store in a cool, dry place. Avoid inhalation of dusts. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Avoid contact with eyes.