

High Rate Algae Ponds (HRAPs)



High Rate Algal Ponds (HRAP) are shallow raceway ponds that circulate wastewater via a low-power paddle wheel. In this process, a microalgae-bacteria consortium is established, where the microalgae use sunlight to carry out photosynthesis, transforming CO2 into O2, which is used by the bacteria that consume the organic matter. In addition, microalgae use nutrients (N, P) present in wastewater to grow.

KEY POINTS:

- Treatment of screened raw wastewater
- Nature Based Solution (NbS)
- Low energy consumption

- Low maintenance needed
- Very simple operation
- Requires subsequent settling/clarifiying treatment

MAIN FEATURES

- ✓ References Aqualia wastewater treatment plants up to 10.000 PE (20.000 m²)
- ✓ Energy consumption = 0.1-0.15 kWh/m³ (paddle Wheel
- ✓ Gravity operation in case of unevenness
- ✓ Blades system to favour activity in winter
- ✓ High treatment efficiency
- ✓ Footprint: 2 m²/PE

Deflectors to enhance photosynthetic activity and mixing, favouring oxygen production in cold climates.















