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Dear Niall,

I trust all well.

I have just sent / submitted our climate exchange comments but the email has bounced back.

Could I request that the details are included via this email ?

Many thanks,

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Good afternoon,

Following the recent announcement of the Consultation process re the Climate Action 2020 Plan please find the submission from our Company in relation to the area of Food Waste Management. We are confident that our technology will contribute and benefit the Circular Economy.

This mail includes 2 attachments.

The first is our ORCA Presentation document and the second attachment outlines the research that we will carry out in partnership with Cork Institute of Technology (CIT).

Background:

WPM Green Energy is delighted to be working to help Ireland tackle and reduce our food waste management issues by introducing new products and innovative ideas which will help the environment, reduce the Carbon foot print and create employment in the Green Sector. We have met and listened to a number of key stakeholders in the Hospitality and Food waste sectors and they have all agreed that an innovation like ORCA is needed to cope with the problems associated with the management of food waste in Ireland.

We see ORCA as that solution with the numerous benefits it brings to the sector.

We have also introduced ORCA to Richard Bruton's Department on Climate Action.

CIT in Cork are very eager to trial ORCA and have asked to have the machine installed in the University to have a comprehensive report done on the technology and the operation of the machine. CIT's experience and reputation in the tech innovation sector is invaluable to our research for ORCA.

We hope that this will be a great step forward in the Irelands fight against food waste management that will bring so many benefits to our country and make us a leader in the food waste management sector.

Thank you,

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# The Smart Solution to Food Waste



**ORCA™**

## What's the Problem?



### TRUCK DEPENDENT

- Road and city congestion
- Time consuming
- Harmful emissions

### LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

- Destination uncertainty
- Cost variability
- Routine price escalation

### INEFFICIENT

- Segmented stages = more costs
- Fragmented market operating in silos
- Inaccessible – not a local solution

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Our Vision

HYPERLOCAL  
+  
DISTRIBUTED



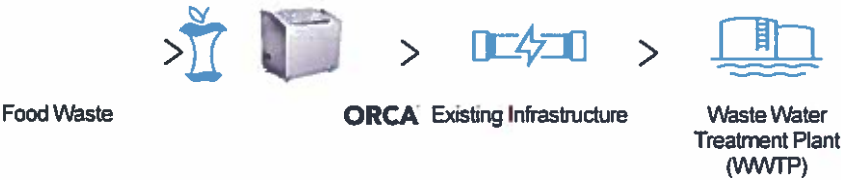
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# How we're more efficient

## TRADITIONAL SYSTEM



## ORCA SYSTEM



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## How it works

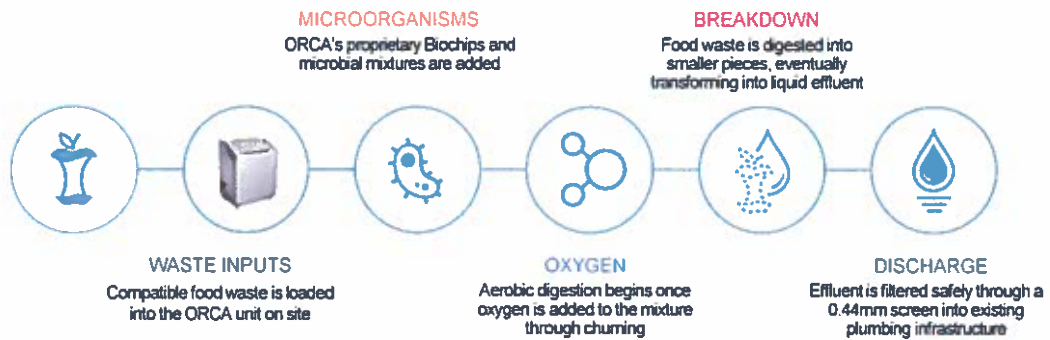
The ORCA uses an aerobic digestion process to digest food waste into effluent that safely discharges into the sanitary sewer system.



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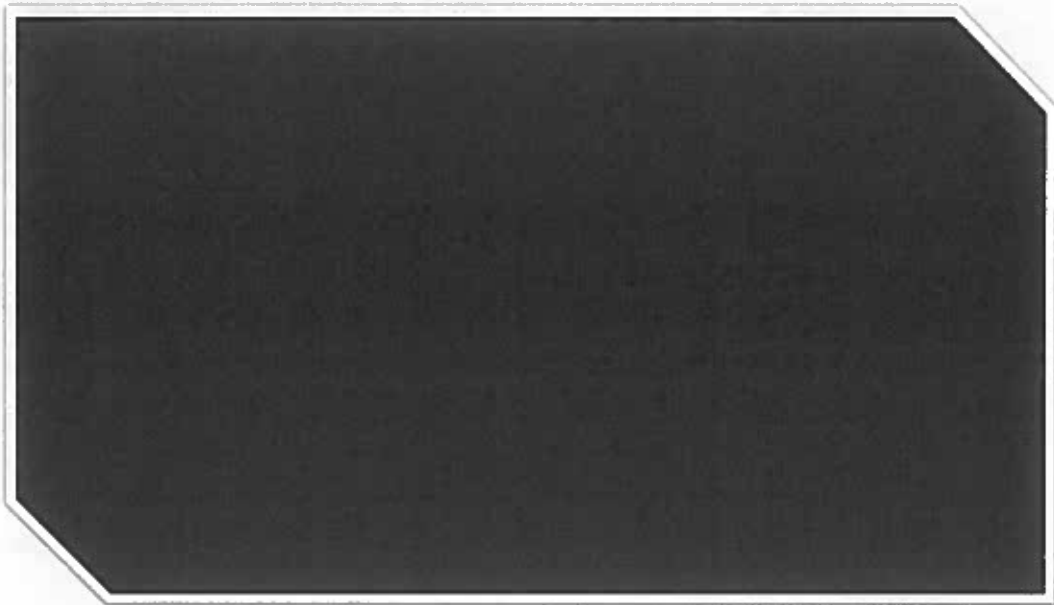
# How it works

No solids to cart/haul away, no grinding, no shredding.

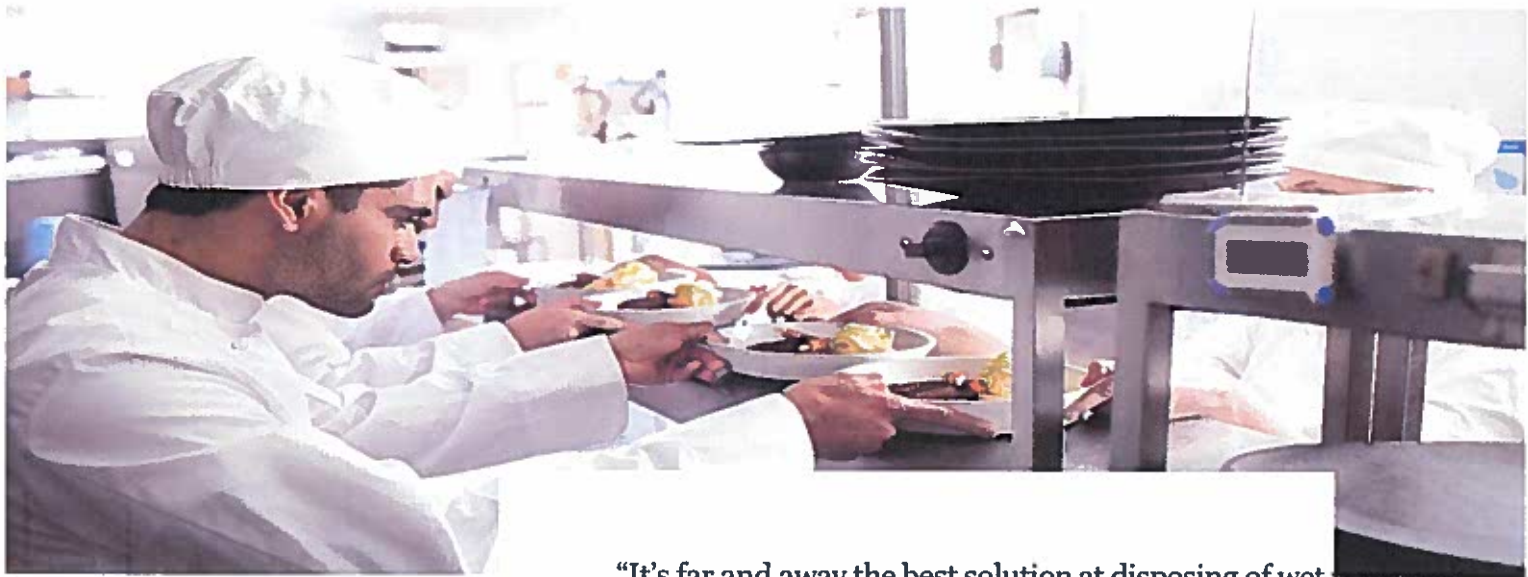




## ORCA in Action



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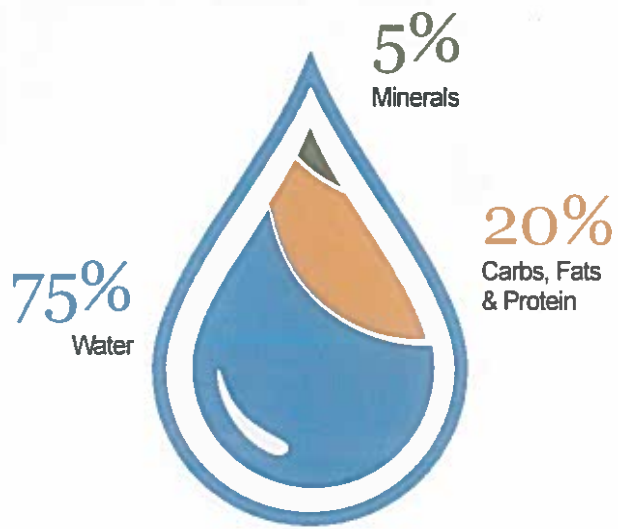


**“It’s far and away the best solution at disposing of wet waste in a sustainable, efficient and cost effective way. There aren’t any carting or environmental costs that you’d have with composting. It’s the best.”**

— David Clark, Vice President, Restaurant Associates

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## What is effluent?

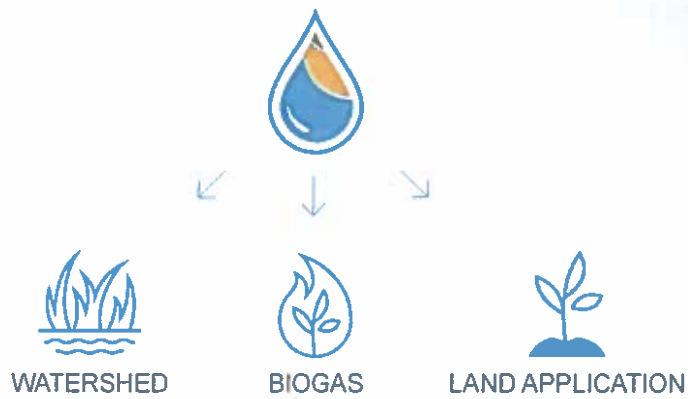


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## Where does the effluent go?

Wastewater treatment plants are very efficient at recovering nutrients and energy from food waste.



# What can you feed **ORCA**?

## YES



Fruits and vegetables

Breads and Baked Goods

Peelings and stems



Eggs

Cheese

Chicken, Bones & Skin



Meat and trimmings

Fish, bones and skin

Pasta and rice



## NO



Beef and pork bones

Large pits

Corn husk



Paper towels, plastic wrap

Liquids

Oil and grease



Tea bag, coffee grinds and filter

Chemicals and cleaning products

Plastic, metal and glass

## What is an LCA?



A Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a technical assessment of the environmental impacts associated with all the stages of a product's life.

## What does our LCA tell us?

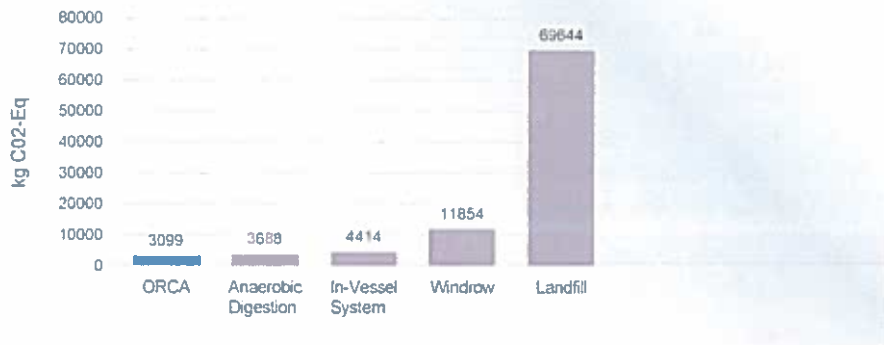
- Truck transport is a significant contributor to the carbon emissions of alternative organic waste disposal
- Wastewater treatment plants are very efficient ways of recovering nutrients and energy from food waste
- The sewer system is an efficient existing infrastructure for the transport of food waste



# LCA Results

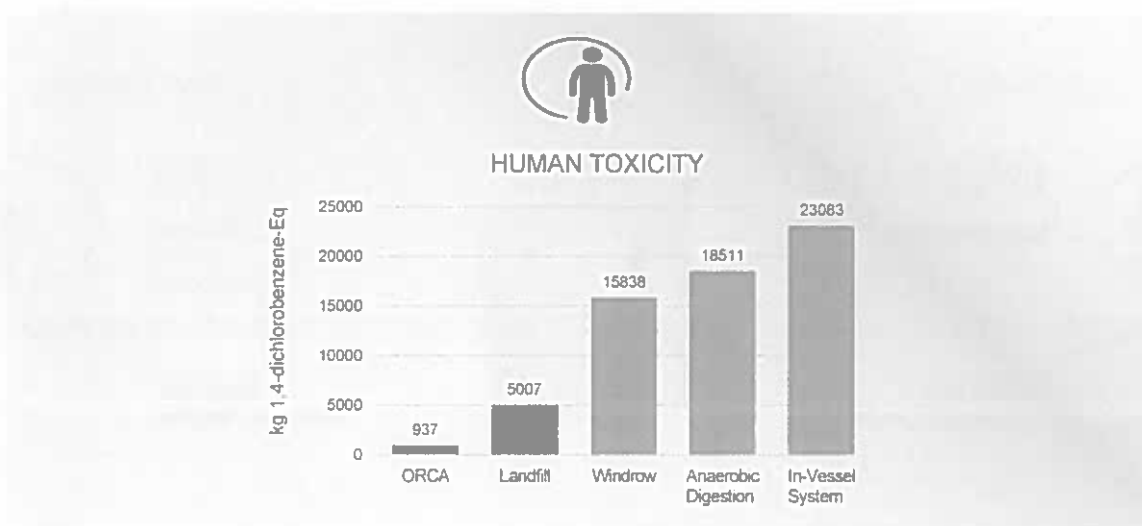


## CLIMATE CHANGE





## LCA Results



## The Facts

### OUR PLANET



65X

Better than landfill

25X

Better than anaerobic digestion



### YOUR HEALTH

35X

Better than in-vessel composting



10X

Better than windrow composting

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**“Before installing the ORCA, our staff lifted heavy garbage bags from our kitchen up a flight of stairs. With our organics diverted to ORCA, the weight of our garbage bags has significantly decreased. We can now reduce staff labor, avoid back injuries and increase team morale.”**

— David Garcelon, Executive Director of Food and Beverage, Waldorf Astoria  
New York

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## ORCA<sup>™</sup> Models



OG15

- Average of 15 lbs per hour
- 32" L x 23" D x 42.5" H
- 0.43 kWh
- 30 gallons of water per day



OG25

- Average of 25 lbs per hour
- 50" L x 33.5" D x 49" H
- 0.70 kWh
- 50 gallons of water per day



OG50

- Average of 50 lbs per hour
- 68.5" L x 33.5" D x 49" H
- 0.70 kWh
- 100 gallons of water per day



OG100

- Average of 100 lbs per hour
- 115" L x 33.5" D x 49" H
- 1.20 kWh
- 150 gallons of water per day

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## ORCA Portal



Accurate real-time data



Customized reporting



Calculated environmental impact



## Why **ORCA**?



### CLEANER

- Eliminates the transportation of food waste
- Eliminates methane pollution and significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Recycles food waste into a renewable resource
- Accurately contributes to corporate diversion targets



### MORE EFFICIENT

- Improved workflow for greater operational efficiency
- Accurate diversion reporting
- No solids generated that require additional handling
- Minimizes odors and pests



### LESS EXPENSIVE

- Lower EH&S costs
- Waste law compliance
- Fixed 5 years pricing
- Reduced janitorial supply costs such as garbage bags, bins
- Lower hauling costs

# ORCA Service Program

ORCA technology is available under two flexible programs:  
Technology as a Service (TaaS) or Purchased with Service. The program includes:



No cost delivery



Diversion reporting  
and portal access



Customer  
support



Supply of Microorganisms  
and Bio Chips



Preventative  
maintenance



Service requests  
same or next day



Food waste transportation  
equipment



Customer Satisfaction  
Commitment

# ORCA Remote Service Program



No cost delivery



Diversion reporting  
and portal access



Customer support



Supply of Microorganisms  
and Bio Chips



Food waste  
transportation equipment



Customer Satisfaction  
Commitment





Employee shifts are easier – they put food waste into the system and it [ORCA] takes care of the rest. It improves the workflow of organics collection.”

— Pierre Sader, Facilities Manager, IKEA Canada

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## Simple Installation



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## Competitive Advantages

- + Low Water Usage
- + Cold Water Only
- + Lowest Power consumption – standard wall outlet
- + Food Waste Transportation Equipment Provided
- + Maintenance and Repairs Support Included
- + Large Feed Door
- + Onboard Scales Standard Equipment
- + Flexible finance options
- + All-inclusive plan
- + Complete Manufacturing in North America

## Our Customers



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**“ORCA has provided a great customer experience from upper management to the service technicians. There is much less odor at the loading dock from the compactor and it reduced my trash weight and then number of pickups.”**

— Fred Kolek, Director of Property Operations,  
Area Northeast Region, Hilton Worldwide

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## Summary



### CLEAN

- ORCA has significantly lower carbon emissions, freshwater eco-toxicity and human toxicity than landfill and other food waste disposal options.
- Process allows for high value renewable fuels and natural fertilizers to be economically produced and recovered.
- Considerable emission offset by removing truck transport from the process.



### SCALABLE

- Waste companies are not scalable; need more trucks, space and transfer stations
- We provide a uniform solution that can be implemented across multiple locations
- Wastewater treatment plants are an efficient way of recovering nutrients and energy, while recycling water content from effluent (75%)



### EFFICIENT

- Food waste is most efficiently recycled at its source.
- ORCA relies on existing infrastructure to transport food waste to wastewater treatment plants.
- Distributed, hyperlocal technology

**Thank you**  
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## RESEARCH PURPOSE

WPM Green Energy wish to undertake applied scientific research in Ireland to determine the environmental and economic impacts of the food waste technology known as Orca.

## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

WPM Green Energy wish to understand;

- 1) What is the carbon footprint reduction to the environment of using Orca (v Brown Bin collection/disposal)?
  - What diesel fuel is prevented by using Orca?
- 2) What levels of methane are prevented by using Orca (v Brown Bin collection/disposal)?
- 3) What food waste does Orca 'digest' best?
  - Would altering the Microorganisms alter the output?
  - Are there any unique impacts of the Irish environment on Orca's performance?
- 4) What nutrients are produced by Orca as an effluent output?
  - Are there any re-use applications for this output?
- 5) What is the level of water quality produced from Orca?
  - What is the level of toxicity? Acidification? Etc.
- 6) What is the Return on Investment of using Orca?
  - What are the operating costs (Electricity & Water) of using Orca in Ireland?

## RESEARCH SCOPE

WPM Green Energy would expect that this research would be undertaken;

- on the Orca device in situ at CIT
- over the course of 4-6 weeks
- focusing on the disposal of food waste & not the creation/prevention of food waste
- through Enterprise Ireland's Innovation Voucher or Innovation Partnership programs

## RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Professional report produced on the back of thorough research, delineating the positive and/or negative environmental and economical impacts of the Orca device for Irish food waste producers, so as to determine if Orca is the most “environmentally friendly” method of disposing of food waste?