Reduce Waste. Create Art.

Give waste a second chance by participating in Castro Valley Sanitary District’s 11th Annual Recycled Art Contest. Have fun and get creative while making an art piece with either:

1. Materials that would have otherwise been tossed in the trash.
2. Media of your choice where the art conveys a message of waste reduction and/or recycling.

Prizes up to $250 will be awarded in 10 entry categories. In 2006, the District awarded a total of $4,550 including matching funds to District schools! Winning artwork will be featured in an exclusive display at the Adobe Art Gallery in Winter 2008 and may be photographed for the 2008 CVSD calendar/annual report.

Deadline:
Completed entry forms and artwork must be delivered to CVSD between October 1st – 5th during the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please see entry forms for participant requirements and Open House/Awards Ceremony details. 1 entry per person or class.

Official entry forms are available at the District offices located at 21040 Marshall Street and online at www.cvsan.org.

For more information, contact CVSD at (510) 537-0757.

Hydro Flush Unit Added to Maintenance Fleet

The District recently added a hydro flush unit to its fleet of sewer maintenance vehicles. The unit is primarily used to clean sewer pipes prior to sending the District’s Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) camera down the lines for inspecting.

Having the new unit allows 2 maintenance crews to work independent of each other, and be more efficient maintaining and televising the sewer lines.

Additionally, the maintenance crew was outfitted with an Emergency Response Trailer which is equipped to handle various sanitary sewer problems that may occur in the District.

With a new hydro flush unit, Emergency Response Trailer, and recent staff training to meet new regulatory reporting requirements, the District is meeting stricter California environmental standards and making Castro Valley a cleaner, safer place to live.
GREEN, GRAY, & BURGUNDY
What should your cart set-out look like? Here are some reminders and helpful tips from the District:

1. Place carts 3 feet apart in the street against the curb.

2. Wheel carts to street curbside by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day. Carts may not be left out for more than 48 hours.

3. Do not overload carts; lids must close. To switch your 64-gallon recycling cart to a 96-gallon recycling cart at no additional charge, call Waste Management at (510) 537-5500.

4. Plastic bags do not belong in the recycling cart. Take them back to your local grocery store for proper recycling!

PLANNING A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT? PLAN TO RECYCLE.
Construction and Demolition (C&D) projects located in the Castro Valley Sanitary District must follow these requirements:

1. Use Waste Management for all drop box services. Be sure to let WM know the box is for C&D debris, and they will send the materials across a sorting line for recycling.

2. Recycle or reuse at least 50% of the C&D debris.

3. Submit a Final Report Form to the District within 30 days of project completion (for projects valued at $75,000 or more).

President’s Message

The District has been busy with activities and events that are becoming staples in the community. We are proud of our involvement in community events such as the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade, Chili Cook-off, and Chamber of Commerce mixers. We are also very excited about our District events such as Compost Give-Away and Earth Day festivities.

Our Compost Give-Away was held March 22nd - 24th, 2007 at the Castro Valley Adult School. More than 700 bags of compost made from Castro Valley’s food waste were distributed free of charge to Castro Valley residents during the event.

The District held its 10th annual Earth Day celebration “Go Green. CV Clean!” April 25th - 28th, 2007. This year’s festivities had 2 major components: document shredding & recycling for local businesses and a community clean-up. The shredding event was a huge success and collected over 87,000 pounds of documents to be destroyed and recycled. The community clean-up was also very successful, attracting over 800 volunteers who removed litter and beautified 15 sites throughout the community.

I am proud of the District’s involvement in community activities and glad to live in a place where people want to give back to where they live, work, and play.

DENNIS WAESPI, President

Castro Valley Businesses Making a Difference

Have you noticed blue recycling bins and green composting/food scrap containers showing up in your favorite Castro Valley restaurants and businesses? That’s because commercial properties in the District have been making efforts to reduce waste, replace Styrofoam with paper, and recycle/compost everything else possible!

Participating businesses include:
- All 23 businesses at 580 Marketplace
- Alliance Title Company
- Bayshore Chiropractic & Wellness Center
CV Schools Rewarded for Going Green

Castro Valley Sanitary District is excited to introduce the Green Ribbon Schools program to reward and recognize schools that go green. Beginning this Fall, Castro Valley schools may select activities from a menu of waste reduction and recycling options. Points will be given for each completed activity and schools will become certified after enough points are earned.

Green Ribbon Certified Schools will receive:

1. An annual cash award of $2,000 for the first 3 years and $1,000 for all subsequent years of certification.
2. An award plaque and banner for display.
3. Recognition at a CVSD Board of Directors meeting.
4. Media promotion in the Castro Valley Forum and District publications.

The District is excited about this new program and looks forward to continuing to work with our schools to go green. For more information and to learn how your neighborhood’s school can participate, visit www.cvsan.org or call (510) 537-0757.

FAST CASH FOR FOOD SCRAPS

In April 2007, the District began rewarding residents for recycling their food scraps. To date, more than 30 households have received Fast Cash for Food Scraps; 2 winning households also won 1 year of free curbside collection services. Don’t miss your chance to win Fast Cash for Food Scraps.

- Put the “Feed the Green” sticker on your garbage cart.
- Put food scraps in your green yard waste cart.

Each month through January 2008, staff will inspect 50 randomly selected green carts in search of winners. To learn more about how you can win $100 cash or a $125 gift certificate to a local business, visit www.cvsan.org/recycling_fastcash.htm or call (510) 537-0757.

Thank you for respecting commercial properties by not illegally dumping. Dumpsters and carts are for merchants of that property only. The Goodwill Industries trailer is no longer available at 580 Marketplace. Residents: please call Waste Management of Alameda County at (510) 537-5500 to schedule your free annual on-call Bulky Waste Pick-Up.
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Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room and are open to the public. Upcoming 2007 Board meetings are scheduled for September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4.

CVSD NewsNotes

WANTED: Food Scrap Pails
Many residents have gone beyond the pail and use compostable containers such as ice cream cartons and paper bags to collect their food scraps. If you’ve gone beyond the pail and no longer need your food scrap pail, bring it to Castro Valley Sanitary District for reuse. Collected pails will be sanitized and re-distributed to residents in need of a pail.

Staff take 1st Place at Chili Cook-off
As a first-time entrant to the Annual Castro Valley Chili Cook-off held May 11th, CVSD staff took first place and the $500 prize. Staff came together to create a unique batch of chili which included a whole bottle of Zinfandel and enchilada sauce. The rest is top secret!

Treatment Plant Restoration Project Complete
On Saturday, June 2nd, a Dedication Ceremony and Open House were held to celebrate the completion of the Oro Loma/Castro Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Restoration Project in San Lorenzo. The $34 million project was finished ahead of schedule and $1 million under budget. Both Districts are proud of this successful joint agency project.

SEWER WORK AHEAD

Report Sewer Emergencies
If you find a sewage overflow in your home, property, or public roadway, please contact us immediately.

- Business hours, M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- CVSD offices (510) 537-0757
- CVSD after hours (510) 506-5821

Contact us first to assess the situation prior to hiring a plumber.

LRGP Update (2007/08)
The District continues the highly successful Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP) for the ninth year. This year the program has changed to include a contractor qualification component and a minimum condition defect rating to determine eligibility. If you believe your lateral is in poor condition, please call (510) 537-0757 or visit our website at www.cvsan.org for more information.