New Recycling Services Offered Early

As an early benefit of the District’s new municipal solid waste services contract with Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC), residents and businesses may now place the following in the gray recycling carts and white commercial recycling bins:

- All #1-7 plastics (no Styrofoam)
- Aluminum foil (balled) & aluminum pans
- All plastic bags/wrap inside one (1) bag*

All other recyclables should be placed loosely in the recycling cart/bin. Should you need to bundle your recyclables, please use a paper bag.

Do not use plastic bags; recyclables will not be able to be sorted at Davis Street Transfer Station.

Please call WMAC at (510) 537-5500 (residential) or (510) 613-8700 (commercial) with questions regarding the new services.

*The “Bag-A-Bag” program has been in place since December 2007.

Wastewater Collection System Master Plan

The District provides wastewater collection service to residents and businesses in Castro Valley. Wastewater is conveyed to the Castro Valley/Oro Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant where it is treated for discharge to the San Francisco Bay.

The District owns and maintains the sewer collection system which includes approximately 155 miles of sewer pipe, ranging in size from 6-54 inches in diameter with the majority being 6-8 inches in diameter.

The District completed its Wastewater Collection System Master Plan in 2006 which reviewed and assessed the size of the sewer pipes, maintenance requirements, physical condition of the pipelines, and provided a recommended improvement plan. The overall estimated cost of needed sewer improvements and repairs is over $20 million.
Remember to toss holiday leftovers in the green yard waste cart for composting. All food scraps and food-soiled paper are accepted, including:

- Meat, bones (turkey carcasses okay)
- Fats, oils, grease (FOG - pour grease into a waxed carton before tossing)
- Paper towels, plates, napkins, pizza boxes
- Pumpkins, gourds
- Waxed paper cartons (milk, ice cream, juice, etc.)

No: plastic, glass, or metal!

Remember to reuse holiday bows and ribbons, and recycle wrapping paper in the gray recycling cart. Also, some mail houses will take clean Styrofoam packaging “peanuts” for reuse. Contact your local mail house for more information.

Thanks for doing your part to reduce the amount of garbage we send to landfill and for helping keep your sewer clear of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) this holiday season!

**What Should I Do with My Holiday Tree?**

1. Remove ornaments, tinsel, nails, and stands. Flocked trees are okay.

2. Cut the tree into a maximum of 6-foot lengths.

3. Place curbside on your regular collection day during the following 2 weeks: **January 5 through January 16**.

Questions? Contact Waste Management of Alameda County at (510) 537-5500.

*Please note, holiday trees are not collected by your regular yard waste collection driver.*

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

The District recently completed its 11th cycle of the Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP). This program grants up to $2,000.00 to residents who replace their entire private sewer lateral, and has paid over $625,000.00 to more than 300 residents since its inception. This program has been used as a model and replicated in several other communities around the state.

The LRGP is a good investment by the District because the funds are matched by the grant recipient. It is estimated that during the 11 years that this program has been in place, over $1.25 million worth of sewer lateral construction has been completed.

As a result, infiltration and inflow into the collection system has been significantly reduced, thus reducing sewer overflows and treatment costs, and helping keep your sewer service rates one of the lowest in the state. The District intends to continue this very successful program as long as funding is available.

RALPH JOHNSON, President

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**CURRENT WORK**

Sewer improvements are divided into 5 priority classes, with critical repairs being the first priority. Priority I sewer repairs began in 2007 with construction on Carlton Avenue, Christensen Lane, and Heyer Avenue. Ongoing construction continues on Christensen Lane, Simsbury Road, Carlton, Heyer, and Wilson Avenues. This phase of construction is expected to be completed by 2009.

**NEXT PHASE**

Sewer designs to increase the size of sewers along Lake Chabot Road from Seven Hills...
Green Ribbon School Certifications

In October 2007, the District launched the Green Ribbon Schools Program to guide schools towards sustainable implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs.

To qualify as a Green Ribbon School, the school must fulfill performance requirements designed around the 4Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Rot. Activities range from: “Make double-sided printing a school policy” to “Provide containers for organics collection in the kitchen” and, “Use paper office products made with recycled content.”

Congratulations to the following 8 schools that were certified as Green Ribbon Schools for the 2007/08 school year by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors on October 7, 2008. Each school received $2,000.00, an award certificate, and banner.

- Castro Valley Adult School
- Castro Valley High School
- Canyon Middle School
- Creekside Middle School
- Chabot Elementary School
- Independent Elementary School
- Jensen Ranch Elementary School
- Our Lady of Grace School

New Law for Safe Needle Disposal

Senate Bill 1305 became effective September 1, 2008 and prohibits the placement of sharps (home generated hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous, and lancets) in the trash, recycling or greenwaste carts. Residents have 2 options to properly and legally dispose of sharps:

1. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): The Alameda County HHW program now accepts home generated sharps from Alameda County residents.
   - Obtain an approved sharps container from your medical provider or local pharmacy.
   - Bring sharps in the approved container to your local HHW facility for free disposal.
   - Visit Household Hazardous Waste at www.household-hazwaste.org or call (800) 606-6606 for more information.

2. Mail-Back Programs: These programs provide safe and convenient sharps disposal via a postage-prepaid shipping container delivered safely by mail to a certified medical waste disposal facility.
   - Mail-back containers may be purchased at pharmacies such as Longs Drugs, Walgreens, and Rite-Aid.
   - Waste Management’s Sharps Disposal by Mail™ Discount Program is offered to Castro Valley residents (who show ID) at Rite Aid.

Need to Locate your Sewer Lateral?

The Castro Valley Sanitary District may be able to help. Contact (510) 537-0757 for more information.

Road to Carleen Drive to safely carry peak wet weather flows are proceeding.

Sewer size may also be increased along Walnut Road from Vineyard to Seven Hills Road and along the edge of the Castro Valley Community Center park to Christensen Lane. These Priority II sewer repairs are scheduled to begin in Summer 2009.

Thank you for your continued support as we make these necessary improvements to the sewer main lines.

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CVSD NewsNotes

Castro Valley Loves Using Reusable Bags

June 14, 2008 marked the kick-off of Castro Valley Sanitary District’s “Bring Your Own Bag” giveaway program. To date, approximately 3,000 CVSD residents have pledged to bring their own bag when shopping, and in turn, received a reusable tote made from post-consumer recycled plastic bottles. Giveaway events have been held at locations such as Rite Aid, Castro Valley Fall Festival, Trader Joe’s, PW Markets, Safeway, Lucky, and the Castro Valley Farmer’s Market.

District Wins 1st Place Public Education Excellence Award

Castro Valley Sanitary District has been selected by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) to receive the 2008 Public Education Gold Excellence Award for its outstanding achievements with Multi-Family Recycling. General Manager, Roland Williams, and Solid Waste Coordinator, Naomi Lue, accepted the award at SWANA’s annual conference on October 23, 2008 in Tampa, Florida.

Preparing for 2009

Next year is shaping up to be an exciting year at the Castro Valley Sanitary District. Here are a few highlights to keep in mind:

- February - New tri-panel layout of the Pipeline newsletter to be released.
- April - New website launched at www.cvsan.org
- May - New solid waste disposal contract begins with Waste Management of Alameda County.
- July - Castro Valley Sanitary District turns 70!

We recycle our bottles and cans. But did you know that paper makes up 10% of materials that households throw away? Don’t forget to recycle all your paper - catalogs, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, and cereal boxes too. Paper is too valuable of a resource to just throw away. Recycle all your paper, all the time. And help preserve the future of our planet. **www.StopWaste.Org**