DonateYour Surplus Garden Produce

Do you have a bounty of produce from this fall’s harvest in your garden? Instead of composting, why not donate it to those in need?

AmpleHarvest.org can assist you with donating produce to interested local food banks and pantries (over 7,000 are listed nationally). The site offers an easy and liability-free way to help others in need. If you have fruit from your trees you’d like to share with others, FallingFruit.org is a website that lets you post your unwanted tree fruit for others to harvest. The online map is easy to edit. Other resources for preventing avoidable food waste at www.cvsan.org/Reduce.

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

December 2015 - February 2016

Organics, Recycling & Garbage one day later December 25th

Holiday Tree Collection
January 4th - 15th

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings:
December 1st, January 5th, February 2nd

General Manager’s Message

This fall we’re welcoming new customers into CVSan for solid waste services. Known as the Canyonlands, the newly annexed area extends north to Cull and Crow Canyon Roads, includes the major canyons that lie east toward Dublin, and stretches southeast along Palomares Canyon nearly to Niles Canyon Road. Canyonlands residents and commercial businesses will receive garbage and recycling services only – not wastewater—at the County’s request, and CVSan is pleased to help provide much needed curbside recycling under our current contract with Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. Services begin December 1, 2015.

CVSan started its residential curbside recycling program in 1991, which was met with great success in attaining the ambitious state legislature goals mandated by the California Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939). Combined with CVSan’s 2001 pioneering program in Alameda County for curbside food scrap recycling, Castro Valley has seen a 56 percent reduction in waste going to landfill since 2005. Recent national attention has focused on food waste, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture setting the first national goal of its kind to reduce food waste by 50 percent within the next 15 years. CVSan remains dedicated to achieving zero waste.

We look forward to providing all of our customers with effective environmental services and appreciate your support.

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

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Sewer Repairs – Easement Work Ahead

Each year CVSan reviews the known gravity sewer defects and then prioritizes a set of repairs to develop and implement. Often, these repairs are on sewer mains that are in easements within private property. CVSan staff takes the utmost care to coordinate our contractor’s work with the property owners impacted to minimize disruption to personal property while expediting the construction process. While we do our best to coordinate easement work, we also ask that all property owners and residents review the requirements for sanitary sewer easement clearance and maintenance at www.cvsan.org/Easements. Call CVSan if you have questions regarding sewer easements.

Spotlight on Multi-Family Dwellings

Starting January 1, 2016, Alameda County’s Mandatory Recycling Ordinance will require property owners of multi-family dwellings in Castro Valley to provide sufficient organics service to capture food scraps and compostable paper from tenants. CVSan is proud to report that 101 multi-family dwellings in Castro Valley already have a food scrap recycling program in place.

Great job to all the forward-thinking multi-family tenants, managers, and owners for reducing waste by separating food scraps and compostable paper from the garbage.

CVSan provides free food scrap pails, flyers, and tenant letters to help multi-family residents start or improve a program.

Wet-Weather Protection

With the heavy rains forecast by a strong El Niño this year, CVSan’s maintenance and engineering personnel have developed an action plan for addressing issues that may arise. Measures include contingency planning for storm channel and creek crossings; capacity expansion for expected high flows; sewer overflow and emergency response training; and residential notifications.

Residents with basement, bathrooms, or other living space that may be below street level could be adversely affected by flooded sewers.

Those residents are encouraged to check the location and condition of their service lateral, and install available protective measures, such as a backwater flow preventer device.