General Manager’s Message

December 2009 - February 2010

Holiday Tree Recycling
January 4-8, & January 11-15, 2010
Remove ornaments, tinsel, nails, and stands. Flocked trees will be collected, but not composted. If necessary, cut tree into a maximum of 6-foot lengths. Place curbside for pick-up on your regular collection day.


Upcoming CVSD Board Meetings:
December 1, January 5, & February 2
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.

Waste Tip of the Quarter

NO FOG OR FOOD DOWN THE DRAIN

Wastewater

Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. (WMAC) is very much aware of the high quality standards we set for our customers. We also realize the high expectations customers have for our service. This is why we are working hard to improve our service.

First, there have been some stumbles by WMAC concerning service. A new phone system was installed that caused customers to wait an unacceptable length of time to speak to a customer service representative. There were problems with the switch of the carts to the correct size in some cases and delayed delivery in others. There have been some missed pickups and debris dropped on the street.

Many of these issues were addressed at two town hall meetings conducted by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors on July 14th and September 15th. In the latter meeting, the District introduced a solid waste service Quality Control Plan. This plan is to review WMAC’s service levels both on the street and when you call the customer service phone numbers.

Thank you for your feedback and comments. We are committed to improving the solid waste services that you receive.

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Wastewater Tip of the Quarter

Pouring cooking fats, oils, grease (FOG), and food scraps down the drain through the garbage disposal may seem like the “easy way out” but don’t flip that switch! The garbage disposal uses extra electricity, increases the amount of wastewater treated, and can lead to sewer back-ups at home, into the streets and the Bay.

Keep your sewer lines FOG-free by scraping grease into a food scrap recycling container—not down the drain! Paper milk and ice cream cartons work well for capturing liquid grease and oils. Combine with yard trimmings in the green organics cart for composting.

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Master Plan Priority II Projects

The District continues to implement sewer replacements and upgrades identified in the Wastewater Collection System Master Plan to reduce the risk of sewer overflows. Priority 1 construction began in 2007 and is ongoing.

The first Priority 2 project will begin construction in November 2009. This project will increase the sewer capacity along Lake Chabot Rd. north of Christensen Ln. with construction of two new sewers. One new sewer will be constructed to enlarge an existing sewer along Lake Chabot Rd. between Carmel Dr. and Christensen Ln.

The second new sewer will be constructed along Lake Chabot Rd. from Christensen Ln. to Quail Ave., then extend northwest along Quail Ave. and Walnut Rd. to Vineyard Rd.

The first Priority 2 project is anticipated to be completed within four months after the start of construction. Traffic will be limited during midday working hours in these areas.

Solid Waste Tip of the Quarter

FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING. MAKE IT SECOND NATURE.

By recycling food scraps you are helping to make compost which enriches our soil, reduces waste, and prevents the emissions of greenhouse gases that cause climate change. www.StopWaste.org

 Documents Shredding, U-Waste & Paint Collection Day

PUT FOOD SCRAPS IN YOUR GREEN CART
Collect food scraps in your food scrap recycling pail or use:
• paper milk carton
• paper bag
• newspaper
• paper ice cream carton

Residencies and businesses were asked in the August 19, 2009 edition of the Castro Valley Forum to share their creative solutions to how they practice Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, or Rot at home or work. Entries were submitted to the District, and winners appeared in the Castro Valley Forum newspaper in September and October. Congratulations to our winners: Joy Davis (Reduce) and Evelyn di Salvo (Reuse). Our week 3 and 4 winners will be listed in the Winter 2010 Pipeline. Winners received $100.00, reusable tote bags, a ThinkGreenFromHome.com compact fluorescent light bulb recycling kit, and a food scrap recycling pail.

Joy Davis reduces packaging and food waste by bringing her own reusable containers and cloth bags to restaurants for leftovers. Evelyn di Salvo reuses packaging materials as care packages for clients and empty egg cartons as planters for her herb garden. To read the winning entries in their entirety, please visit www.cvsan.org.

 Streetscape Agreement has been Reached

The Castro Valley Sanitary District and the Alameda County Redevelopment Agency have reached an agreement to combine two projects into one. CVSD will combine a $3 million sewer improvement project with the County’s $9 million Streetscape improvements on Castro Valley Blvd. between Redwood Road and San Miguel Avenue. This combined project is an excellent example of how local governments can work together for the benefit and common good of the community. The project is currently scheduled to bid in December 2009 and work could start as early as February of 2010.

How Do You Practice the 4Rs Contest

All Food Products, including fruit, vegetables, bread, cereal, dairy, and meat (including bones); coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags; and Food-Soiled Paper, such as paper towels, plates, napkins, pizza boxes, and lunch sacks. NO PLASTIC, STYROFOAM, GLASS, METAL, OR LIQUIDS.

Document Shredding, U-Waste & Paint Collection Day

A lameda County residents and businesses showed their mettle as responsible consumers by bringing more than 34,321 pounds of unwanted electronics, household batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs, 3,420 gallons of latex paint, and 889 boxes of sensitive documents to CVSD’s 7th annual free U-Waste Collection Day on Saturday, July 11, 2009.

Although this was a one-day event, you can continue to properly dispose of many items at the following locations:

- Fluorescent light bulbs, paint, and batteries can be taken to Household Hazardous Waste, 2091 W. Valley Blvd., Castro Valley; phone 510-581-7653. For e-waste, there is a Goodwill Store at 803 A Street, Hayward; phone 510-785-3967, www.eastbay-goodwill.org.
- Household batteries may also be placed in a sealed plastic bag and set on top of your recycling cart or dropped off at Pete’s Hardware, 2569 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley; phone 510-581-7653. E-Waste event websites include Electronic Waste Management www.nowaste.com; Universal Waste Management, Inc. www.linkedin.com/company/universal-waste-management-inc; and, Inside Bay Area www.insidebayarea.com.