QUARTERLY CALENDAR
June - August 2010

CVSD U-Waste Collection Day
August 14th at Canyon Middle School
In addition to E-Waste, Household Hazardous Waste (Batteries, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, and Latex Paint), Document Shredding & Pharmaceutical Collection, the District and WMAC are giving free bags of compost to the first 500 vehicles who attend this event. Please visit www.cvsan.org for event details, limits, and eligibility.

Upcoming CVSD Board Meetings:
June 1, July 6, & August 3
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.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Castro Valley Sanitary District
510-537-0757 (M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
510-506-5821 (sewer emergencies after hours)
www.cvsan.org

Waste Management of Alameda County
510-537-5500 (residents)
510-613-8700 (businesses)
www.wm.com

Household Hazardous Waste
800-606-6606
www.household-hazwaste.org

Pink Yarrow
Achillea millefolium rosacea
California native plant

Castro Valley Sanitary District
21040 Marshall Street
Castro Valley, CA 94546
510-537-0757 | www.cvsan.org

“Leading to preserve the environment and promote waste reduction.”
General Manager’s Message

C astro Valley Sanitary District strives to be a high performance organization. This means that teamwork, effective employee retention practices, leadership roles, and training opportunities are embraced. I am proud to announce the following recent staff achievements and milestones that have contributed to the District’s efforts to reach this goal.

Tyree Jackson received Collection System Maintenance Technical Certification - Grade II from the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). Elliott Johnson completed coursework in the Supervisor Development Program through Alameda County. Pat Krevey received Collection System Maintenance Technical Certification - Grade I from CWEA. Naomi Lue received Professional Certification in Resource Management from California Resource Recovery Association.

Gilbert Espinoza was hired as a Collection System Maintenance Worker. Mary Jeyaprakash was promoted to Administrative Technician for a temporary 2 year assignment. Congratulations are in order for Service Awards to Michelle Jeffery - 5 years, Christine Rasmussen, and Ashlyn Bhavna - 1 year each.

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

Solid Waste Tip of the Quarter

BE A BAY- FRIENDLY GARDENER

With the arrival of Spring, many residents will be returning to their gardens. StopWaste.Org’s Bay-Friendly Gardening program provides resources to help you make environmentally-friendly gardening choices. Bay-Friendly Gardening is a holistic approach that works in harmony with the natural conditions of the San Francisco Bay Watershed. Pictured at right is a garden illustrating some of the key elements of the Bay-Friendly approach.

1. Contributes to a Healthy Environment: Organic vegetable garden provides healthy, tasty produce throughout the year.

2. Reduces Waste in the Garden: Raised beds are created from broken concrete and fencing is constructed from reclaimed lumber.


5. Build Healthy Soil: Repository for leaves to collect under trees as mulch.

6. Protects Local Watersheds and the Bay: Permeable paving on the driveway and front walkway prevents runoff.


Visit www.StopWaste.Org or call (510) 444-SOIL to learn more.

Wastewater Tip of the Quarter

SCRAPE IT; DON’T GRIND IT

Food and grease build-ups can lead to back-ups in the wastewater pipes of both your home and the public sewer system. It’s best to compost small amounts of cooking oil (contained in a paper milk or ice cream carton) and food-soiled papers in the green organics cart. Prevent backups by following these easy steps using paper towels or rubber scrapers:

- Remove hardened food from pots and pans
- Wipe grease off pots and pans before washing
- Do not use cloth towels for wiping grease, which release grease during washing/rinsing
- Take large amounts of cooking oil to the Davis Street Transfer Station (510-613-8710) or to a Household Hazardous Waste facility (www.household-hazwaste.org or 800-606-6606).
Lateral Replacement Grant Program

Planning is underway for the District’s next cycle of the Lateral Replacement Grant Program (LRGP). This program grants up to $2,000 to residents whose private sewer lateral meets a minimum condition defect rating and qualifies for replacement. Applications will be reviewed and only qualifying laterals will be eligible for the LRGP. Reimbursements are limited and grants are provided on a first-come first-served basis. Since inception, the program has paid over $681,000 to over 390 residents. For complete program details or to obtain an application, visit www.cvsan.org/grants.htm or contact CVSD at (510) 537-0757.

How Do I Recycle Plastics?

When curbside recycling was first introduced in Castro Valley in 1998, #1-2 plastic bottles were the only plastics accepted. Today, most #1-7 plastics are recyclable in Castro Valley.

Place these plastics in the blue RECYCLING cart/white bin:

ALL PLASTICS LABELED #1-7

1. **#1: PETE**
   - Clear narrow-neck bottles

2. **#2: HDPE**
   - Opaque or colored plastic bottles

3. **#3: PVC**
   - Clear or colored, rigid or flexible

4. **#4: LDPE**
   - Plastic bags/wrap (must be bundled)

5. **#5: PP**
   - Plastic tubs, buckets, reusable food containers

6. **#6: PS**
   - Take-out containers, cookie trays, vitamin bottles

7. **Other** - All other plastics not identified above; often called “mixed plastics.” Note: If there’s no number on the plastic item, it’s currently not accepted in the program.

Biodegradable plastics are derived from renewable resources such as corn starch or sugar cane and are often marked with a #7 (Other). Biodegradable plastics including bio-bags are not recyclable in Castro Valley. Place these items in your organics cart/bin or garbage cart/bin.

Rate Adjustments
SOLID WASTE - Effective July 1, 2010, the single-family residential rate for collection, processing, and disposal of solid waste (recycling, organics, and garbage), including an on-call bulky goods pick-up, and household battery and motor oil/filter recycling will be as follows for single-family residential service:

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To request a 96 gallon recycling or organics cart at no additional charge, call (510) 537-5500. Rates include an Alameda County Facility Fee increase from StopWaste.Org. For a more comprehensive listing, including multi-family and commercial rates, visit www.cvsan.org.

WASTEWATER - Also effective July 1, 2010, the sewer service charges (SSC) for all residential customers will be increased by $1.00/month. For information regarding non-residential rate increases, visit www.cvsan.org. This third adjustment to SSCs is per the District’s three year budget set in 2008. The SSC of $245.00 for residential customers is still one of the lowest in Alameda County.

**FREE Compost & Mulch**

More than 1,100 residents and businesses took advantage of their opportunity to collect over 185 cubic yards of mulch and compost at the District’s Compost Give-Away 2010 held in March.

The District thanks the Castro Valley Adult School and Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. for providing the event’s site and support staff.

CVSD residents and businesses will have another opportunity to pick up free bags of compost (made from Castro Valley’s food scraps and yard trimmings) on August 14th at the U-Waste Collection Day to be held at Canyon Middle School. The give-away is just another benefit of the District’s contract with Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc.

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**Master Plan Sewer Construction Update**

The District will soon be completing work on sewer improvements in the Lake Chabot Road, Quail Avenue, and Walnut Road areas. Following that project, the District has joined with the Alameda County Redevelopment Agency to construct a new sewer as part of their Castro Valley Boulevard Streetscape project.

The new sewer will extend outside the Streetscape project limits, including segments along Redwood Road and San Miguel Avenue. Construction on the sewer portion of the project is anticipated to begin in mid-summer and is scheduled for completion in Fall 2011.

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