

# QUARTERLY CALENDAR

March - May 2011

## Davis Street Transfer Station Tour

March 15th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Register by March 1st at [www.cvsan.org](http://www.cvsan.org).

See inside for more details.

## CVSan Earth Day Event April 30th

Clean-Up from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Recycle & Compost Give-Away from  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Register by April 6th for the Clean-Up.

See inside for more details.

## Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings:

March 1, April 5 & May 3

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in CVSan's Board Room and are open to the public.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS & WEBSITES

### Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)

510-537-0757 (M-F 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

510-506-5821 (sewer emergencies after hours)

[www.cvsan.org](http://www.cvsan.org)

### Waste Management of Alameda County

510-537-5500 (residents)

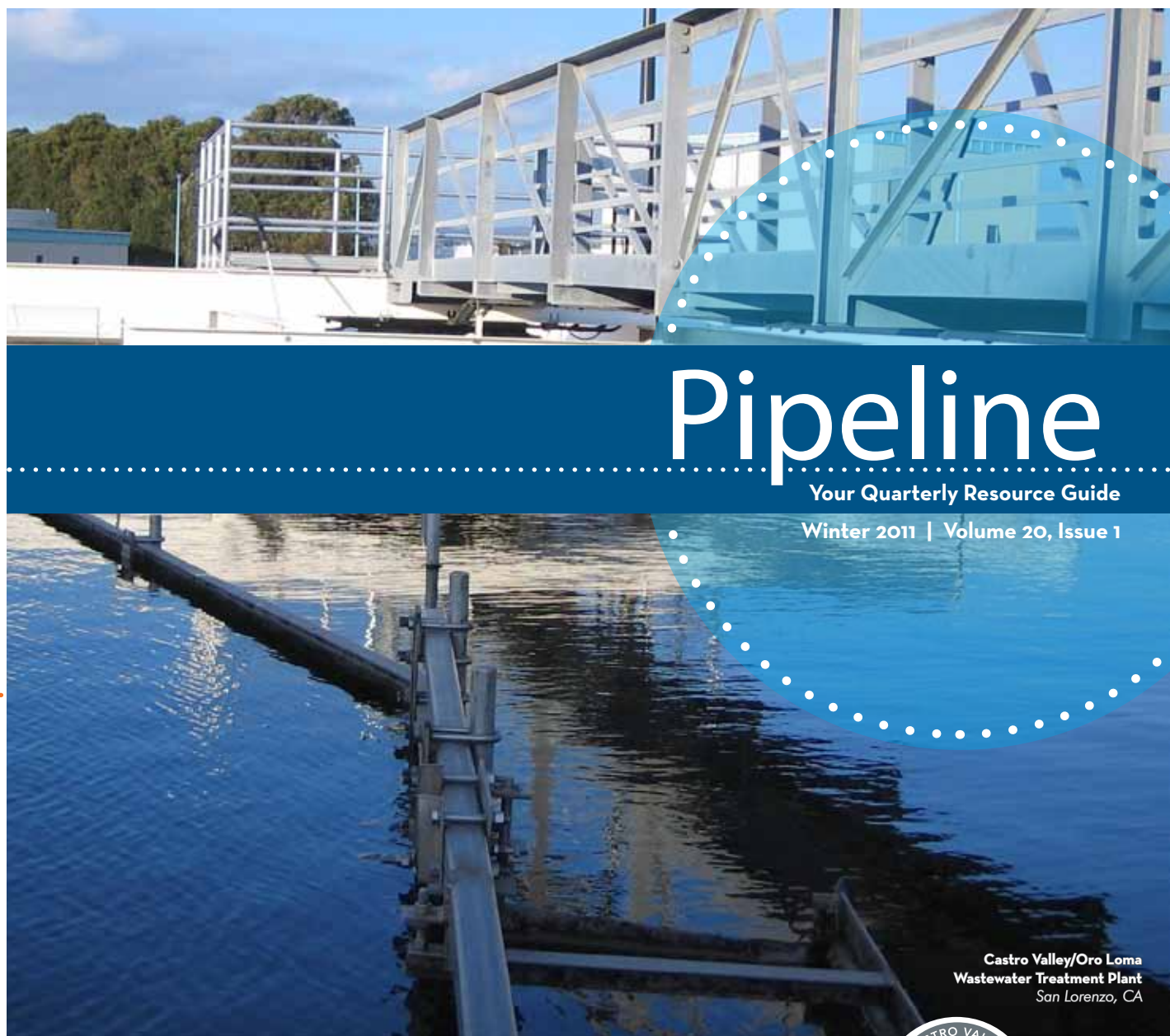
510-613-8700 (businesses)

[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

### Household Hazardous Waste

800-606-6606

[www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org)



# Pipeline

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**CVSan**



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"Effective environmental services since 1939"

# General Manager's Message

You may have seen CVSan employees featured in the Castro Valley Forum recently. The purpose of these employee bios is to encourage the community to get to know the wonderful staff that serves Castro Valley every day. I have been

privileged to work with some of the most dedicated and hardworking people in this business.

Not only are our employees great at what they do, they have a sincere interest in the services they provide to the

community. One reason is that many live, shop, and spend leisure time in and around Castro Valley. In fact, almost all CVSan personnel live within a 15-minute drive of the main office.

We take a lot of pride in giving excellent service to our friends and neighbors. Thank you for letting us serve you, and please say "Hello!" the next time you see a familiar CVSan face while you're out and about.

**Roland P. Williams, Jr.,**  
General Manager



# Secrets from the Sewer Line

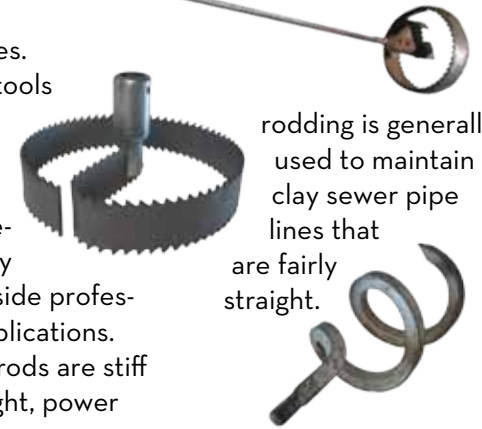
## THE RODDER TELLS ALL

This power rodding machine removes hardened grease, roots and other obstructions from Castro Valley's public sewer lines. The "rodder" uses attachments like root-saws and corkscrews (pictured at right)—along with a ramming force—to break through clogs, cut through roots, and push or pull large objects out of the



sewer lines. Rodding tools are extremely powerful and therefore rarely used outside professional applications. Because rods are stiff and straight, power

rodding is generally used to maintain clay sewer pipe lines that are fairly straight.



# Solid Waste Tip of the Quarter

## SIGN UP TO TOUR THE DAVIS STREET TRANSFER STATION

Ever wonder what happens to your recycling, organics, and garbage once they leave your curb? CVSan invites Castro Valley residents and business owners to

find out by touring the Davis Street Transfer Station (DSTS) in San Leandro on March 15, 2011. This three-hour tour is an opportunity to learn how materials collected at the curb are

sorted and prepared for transport. Registration will close on March 1st. For more information and additional tour dates please visit [www.cvsan.org](http://www.cvsan.org).



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# Castro Valley Dentists Step Up to the Plate

In the last Pipeline newsletter you learned about new requirements for dentists to keep silver fillings (dental amalgam), which contain toxic mercury, out of the wastewater system and out of the environment.

Due to an unprecedented response from local

dentists, we quickly met our regulatory requirements for the program. CVSan will conduct brief follow-up inspections starting this year as required by law. Please be sure to thank your local dentist during your next visit for helping to keep Castro Valley a leader in environmental protection.



# CVSan's Earth Day Event April 30th

**Clean-Up:** Register by April 6th at [www.cvsan.org](http://www.cvsan.org) to beautify a community site from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

**Recycle:** Pharmaceutical waste, mattresses, and sensitive documents for shredding will be collected at Canyon Middle School from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Free bags of compost** will be distributed at the Recycle event (three 1-cubic foot

bags per vehicle). Participation in the Clean-Up is not required to receive free compost, however you must be a CVSan resident or business (bring ID). Come early; supplies are limited! Visit [www.cvsan.org](http://www.cvsan.org) for more information.

# School Waste Audits—Investing in Our Future



In Castro Valley, students start recycling as early as preschool. Many learn to compost organics in the green organics cart in elementary school. By the time they finish middle school, Castro Valley students are seasoned recyclers.

CVSan's Green Ribbon Schools program helps

schools reduce waste and rewards them for their efforts. Since 2007, 14 of 17 eligible schools have achieved certification, and CVSan has awarded more than \$54,000 to Green Ribbon schools (\$2,000 per school per year).

Beginning this year, Green Ribbon schools

will also participate in a waste audit. Students, teachers, and volunteers guided by CVSan staff will don safety gear and sort through one day's worth of garbage. In the process they'll learn what could have been recycled or composted instead of sent on a one-way trip to the landfill.

# Garbage & Curbside Exemptions



Recycling and organics service is mandatory for residents within CVSan's service area; however, residents who generate no garbage may apply for a Garbage Service Exemption. Residents interested in applying should contact WMAC at (510) 537-5500 to obtain an exemption form. Approved residents qualify for a monthly rate of \$8.06. Interested businesses may contact WMAC at (510) 613-8700. The reduced monthly rate for approved businesses, which includes a 32-gallon recycling cart, is \$8.64.

# Show your Support for Green



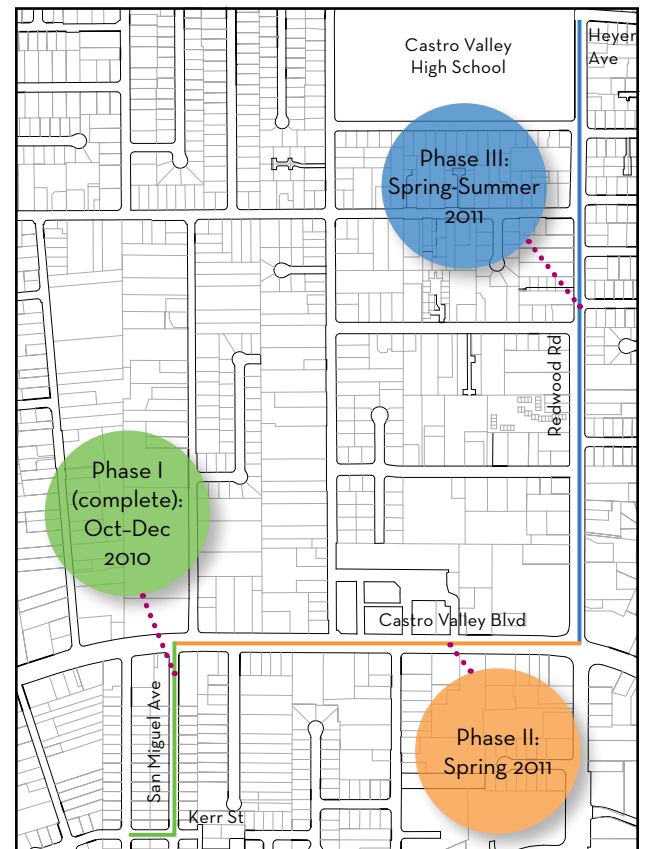
Dave Knudsen  
Knudsen's Ice Creamery

CVSan certifies businesses that go above and beyond recycling by starting and maintaining activities in each of the 4R categories. Encourage businesses you frequent to participate in the 4R Business, 4R Planet program and please support the following businesses that have already become "4R Stars":

- Don's Body Shop
- Doss Sheet Metal
- Jenny's Café
- Knudsen's Ice Creamery
- Portales Taqueria
- Swiss Delices
- Eden Medical Center

### CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE WASTEWATER TIP OF THE QUARTER, FALL 2010 PIPELINE NEWSLETTER

This article cautioned consumers that "[a]n increasing number of wipes, diapers—even disposable toilet brushes—are marketed as 'flushable.'" While this remains true, we would like to clarify that the products shown in the article are not marketed as 'flushable,' and were used only as sample images of products in general. We apologize for any confusion to our readers.



Residents who have physical difficulty taking their carts to the curb may apply for a Curbside Exemption. To obtain this type of exemption form, contact WMAC at (510) 537-5500. You must submit a doctor's letter or a certificate from Department of Motor Vehicles with the form.