

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

September - November 2020

CVSan Offices Closed

September 7th, November 11th, November 26th, and November 27th

Organics, recycling, and garbage collection will be one day later on November 26th and 27th. Collection will be on schedule all other days.

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings

September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan)

510-537-0757

(Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

510-506-5821

(sewer emergencies, after hours)

www.cvsan.org

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

510-483-1400

www.alamedacountyindustries.com/cvsan

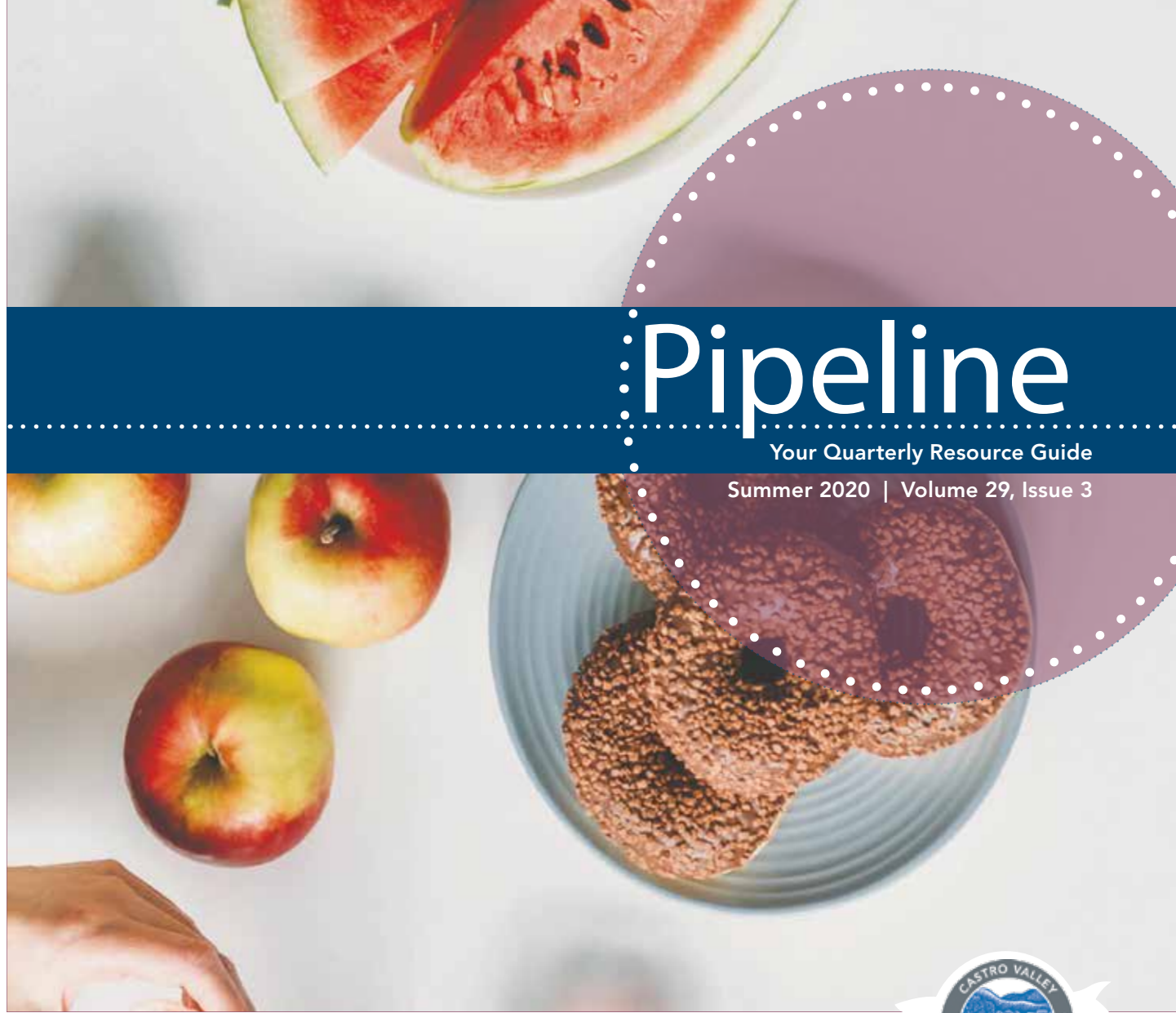
Household Hazardous Waste

800-606-6606

www.household-hazwaste.org

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CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

General Manager's Message

Recently, CVSan reached a milestone of 80 years of dedicated service to the people of Castro Valley. We are invested in providing high-quality resource recovery of wastewater and solid waste over the next 80 years and beyond.

In this edition of the Pipeline, we highlight a few of the many efforts we have considered to help us reach this goal. CVSan has a new Strategic Plan that sets our organizational direction for the next five years. We are developing a Wastewater Communications Plan, and we updated our Zero Waste Strategic Plan. These living documents focus us on providing the very best service to the community.

In the next year, we anticipate breaking ground on the new Operations and Engineering Building. Our new facility will allow us to provide stable and cost-effective maintenance of pipes and pumps and to deliver wastewater improvement projects that utilize award-winning tools and methods.

The future looks bright for Castro Valley, and CVSan continues to be a long-standing partner in this wonderful community we call home.

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager



CVSan's New Operations and Engineering Building Project

CVSan is completing the design documents for the new Operations and Engineering Building project. We anticipate releasing the project for bid early in the new year. The new building will be on the corner of Center Street and Castro Valley Boulevard. The project will create a

new facility that will house both the Collection System Maintenance (CSM) and Engineering sides of the Wastewater Department. This building will serve as CVSan's permit center, providing the community with a more efficient way to accomplish their permitting needs. The



new Operations and Engineering Building will also further facilitate collaboration between Engineering and CSM staff, and decrease overall operations cost.

Make Take-Out Less Wasteful

Lately, as more people are ordering take-out food from restaurants, more waste is being produced from all the packaging. A typical take-out meal is packaged in single-use food containers and cups with utensils, napkins, sauce/condiment packets, lids, straws, and a bag. Here are some ways to reduce waste when ordering take-out:

- **REFUSE** plastic utensils and condiment packets.
- **REUSE** items from the order, such as the bag or sturdy plastic food containers.
- **RECYCLE** rinsed plastic containers.
- **COMPOST** paper items, such as paper food containers, napkins, and cups.





Keep FOG out of Drains this Fourth of July

Do your part to prevent sanitary sewer back-ups and overflows. Do not pour FOG (fats, oils, and grease) down the drain or in the trash. FOG includes leftover cooking oil, fryer oil, and grease scraped from cookware. Instead, it can be collected temporarily in a compostable container (such as paper milk or ice cream cartons) and disposed of in small amounts in your green organics cart, or you can pour it directly into your green organics cart, on top of leaves, grass clippings, or other yard trimmings. Thanks for doing your part to help Castro Valley stay clog free!



Wastewater Communications Plan

CVSan's Wastewater Department is responsible for maintaining 160 miles of public sewer mains throughout Castro Valley. In addition, the department designs and implements major repair and construction projects to ensure the Wastewater Collection System operates as efficiently as possible. Needless to say, it's a big job. Communicating necessary information about wastewater operations to the community is a big job as well.

A Wastewater Communications Plan will allow CVSan to more effectively communicate important messages about our wastewater services and projects to our customers. It will help us implement effective and informative communication strategies, and act as a guide to ensure CVSan's wastewater communication needs are met.

An Updated Path to Zero Waste

CVSan staff have updated our 2014 Zero Waste Strategic Plan with new and revised initiatives to achieve CVSan's Path to Zero Waste by the year 2029. The word cloud below describes some of the work that we've completed over the past five years. To see our updated plan and future goals, visit CVSan.org/zerowaste.



State of Recycling Markets



Materials processing facilities receive many recyclable items that cannot be recycled because they are not clean enough or were disposed of improperly. In March 2018, China finalized a quality standard of 0.5% contamination for imported recyclables. This dramatically impacted the recycling industry because a large amount of the world's recyclables are processed in China.

CVSan's contracted collector, Alameda County Industries, accepts clean plastic, metal, paper, cardboard, and glass. The following steps will give your recyclables the best chance of being recovered!



Secondhand Fashion

Add unique clothing to your wardrobe while reducing the impact on the environment and your wallet! Secondhand fashion is used clothing purchased for its unique style, durability, and typically lower price. In contrast, fast fashion describes lower quality clothing that is mass-produced to capitalize on short-term fashion trends.

Millions of shoppers are making a statement with secondhand fashion. In its 2019 Resale Report, online secondhand clothing retailer Thredup predicts that the secondhand fashion market will outgrow the fast fashion market within ten years. Shop at local thrift stores and vintage shops to give used clothing new life and prevent it from going to the landfill.

- 1. Depackage and Empty:** Scrape food into the green organics cart first.
- 2. Rinse or Wipe:** Give containers a quick rinse or wipe.
- 3. Keep Recyclables Loose:** Don't bag recyclables, except for bundled plastic bags and wrap.



Reducing Rainwater Inflow and Infiltration



Inflow and infiltration (I&I) of rainwater is a constant concern and area of focus for CVSan, because too much I&I has the potential to overload the Wastewater Collection System and cause sanitary sewer overflows. We have begun an in-depth study to determine where rainwater may be entering our public sewer mains. Staff members are also preparing to perform another round of flow monitoring during the winter months of 2020/21. Both projects aim to reduce rainwater inflow and infiltration so that our system and the Castro Valley/Oro Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant can operate efficiently and effectively.