

QUARTERLY CALENDAR  
March 2021 - May 2021

Zero Waste Week  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Earth Day  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>

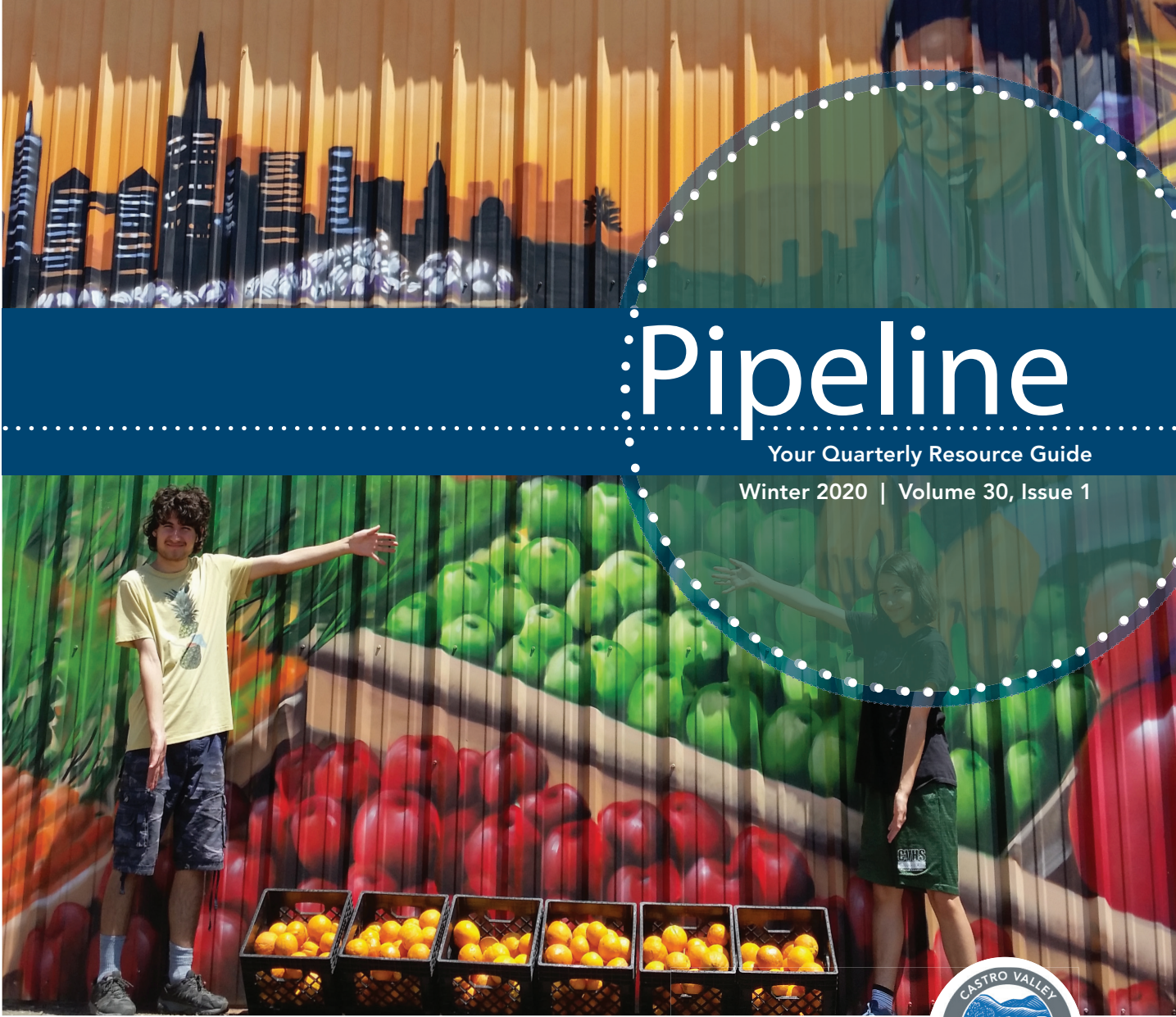
IMPORTANT PHONE  
NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

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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)  
cvsan.org

Alameda County Industries (ACI)  
510-483-1400  
alamedacountyindustries.com/cvsan

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household-hazwaste.org

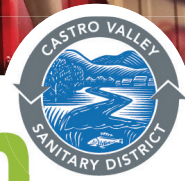
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CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

General Manager’s  
Message

Despite the challenges COVID-19 has brought to our community, CVSan continues to adapt to provide essential solid waste and wastewater services to our customers. In this edition of the Pipeline Newsletter, you will find updates on CVSan’s 2021 Zero Waste Week and 2021 Earth Day Clean-Up Events, as well as a review of our most recent compost give-away where we teamed up with Pete’s ACE Hardware to deliver free compost. Staying connected to the community is always a priority for CVSan, and even more so during these current socially distanced times.

Be on the lookout for our Annual Report to learn more about what we have accomplished in the last fiscal year and to learn more about our operations. As we enter the new year, we can contemplate the impact of the events of 2020 have had on our way of life, and you can be assured that CVSan will continue to adapt



and move forward through whatever challenges lie ahead.

Wishing you well,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.

General Manager

Zero Waste Week

CVSan’s 2021 Zero Waste Week will take place in the first week of February. It may not look the same as past Zero Waste Weeks, but we have an exciting schedule to share with you! There will be an assortment of waste-reducing events, including independent

volunteer fruit tree gleanings, a virtual workshop on Zero Waste at home with a speaker panel from the community, an online “What Goes Where?” sorting workshop, and an online repair workshop. For more information, visit [cvsan.org/zerowasteweek](http://cvsan.org/zerowasteweek).



CVSan Partners with Pete’s for Give-Away



Thank you to Pete’s ACE Hardware (Pete’s) on Castro Valley Boulevard for helping CVSan provide compost to the community! After the cancellation of the August Recycles Day event due to COVID-19, we still wanted to provide the community with rich compost, so we created an alternate Compost Give-Away event in partnership with Pete’s.

CVSan residents and businesses were able to register for a compost coupon that was redeemable at Pete’s for two 1.5 cubic foot bags of Whitney Farms organic compost. The event started in August and was extended into October. Over 1,400 coupons were supplied to CVSan residents and businesses!





## Earth Day Clean-Up

Earth Day Clean-Up 2021 will be different from years past, but we still have an exciting schedule planned! Although most events will take place online, CVSan will also encourage and help community members to independently

glean and harvest extra tree fruit for those in need. In addition, we will celebrate Earth Day during the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup> on social media. Join us on Facebook and Twitter @CVSan and for more information visit [cvsan.org/ed](https://cvsan.org/ed).

## Gleaning Still Fruitful

During Zero Waste Week in February of 2020, over 40 CVSan volunteers gleaned nearly 2,000 pounds of citrus, which were donated to Castro Valley food pantries! Three volunteers from that event were inspired to continue gleaning and donating fruit, so they contacted CVSan. With a little preparation and two fruit pickers donated by CVSan, Grazyna Fedorowicz, her daughter Agata, and her son Adam went out to glean on their own. Since March of 2020, they have independently gleaned and donated thousands of pounds of fruit for those in need! Contact Grazyna for more information on how to glean in Castro Valley at [gleaningcv@gmail.com](mailto:gleaningcv@gmail.com), or visit [cvsan.org/gleaning](https://cvsan.org/gleaning).



## Keeping Services Flowing

CVSan wants its customers to know that WE ARE ALWAYS ON! This past fall, we saw the return of rolling power outages throughout California. Although inconvenient for most, loss of power can be disastrous when it comes to having a properly functioning sewer system. Power loss at any of CVSan's eight pump stations could lead to a dangerous sanitary sewer overflow. To prevent this, CVSan proactively obtained a new mobile generator and new mobile pump. These two new pieces of equipment ensure that the pumps at our pump stations will still function, even if multiple stations go off the grid.

## Collection Tips

Proper recycling is more critical than ever! U.S. manufacturers who use recycled content in their products rely on the materials you place in the blue bin, which are created into new products.

Help keep the recycling stream clean and avoid putting garbage into blue carts. Garbage contaminates recyclables and lowers their chance of being recycled. Here is a list of tricky items that belong in the garbage and should not be placed in the blue recycling cart:

- Plastic utensils and straws
- Thermal paper receipts
- Single-use personal protective equipment (e.g., disposable masks and gloves)
- Wipes
- Mixed-material packaging from online deliveries



## Prepare for the Rainy Season with a BPS

The rainy season, typically between November and March in Castro Valley, can present many challenges to homeowners. Avoid expensive accidents by preparing your property today and protecting your home! One action that can help is to install a backflow prevention system (BPS). A BPS consists of a two-way cleanout and a backflow prevention

device (BPD). This prevents sewage from flowing back into a building if there is a blockage in the private sewer lateral or the public sewer main. A CVSan repair permit is required for installation and can be obtained online using CVSan's permit portal. If you have any questions about installing a BPS, contact the CVSan Engineering Department at 510-537-0757, ext. 131.



## Container and Supply Requests

Are you a business or multi-family property owner in need of indoor recycling and organics containers and signage? CVSan can help! We donate containers and signage to businesses and multi-family properties at no charge.

Please fill out the Donation Supply Request form at [cvsan.org/dsrf](https://cvsan.org/dsrf), and

submit it online or via email to [contact@cvsan.org](mailto:contact@cvsan.org). Once your form has been processed, CVSan will inform you of the delivery date. All deliveries will be contactless. A CVSan staff member will deliver items to the front of your business or complex on the delivery date. If you have any questions, please call our office at 510-537-0757.