

CAC Corner



Make your voice heard about Castro Valley's wastewater and zero waste services by joining CVSan's Community Advisory Committee (CAC)! CVSan's CAC represents the community's interests by providing a voice directly to the Board of Directors (Board). They serve as a body of independent thought to provide feedback on specific items to CVSan's staff and Board.

Guy Sandoval has served on the CAC for 10 years. Guy taught at Hayward High and Mt. Eden High Schools for 34 years and was a member of the California Teachers Association's State Council for 10 years until he retired in 2002. Guy also is currently serving on the Board of the Hayward Area Historical Society.

If you are interested in joining the CAC and making a difference in your community, please complete the CAC form of interest at cvsan.org/CAC.

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

April 2022 - June 2022

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings

April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th

CVSan Earth Day Clean-Up and Recycles Day Event

April 23rd (Go to cvsan.org/RecyclesDay to register)

CVSan Textile Collection Week

June 7th through June 11th

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)

cvsan.org

Alameda County Industries (ACI)

(510) 483-1400

alamedacountyindustries.com/cvsan

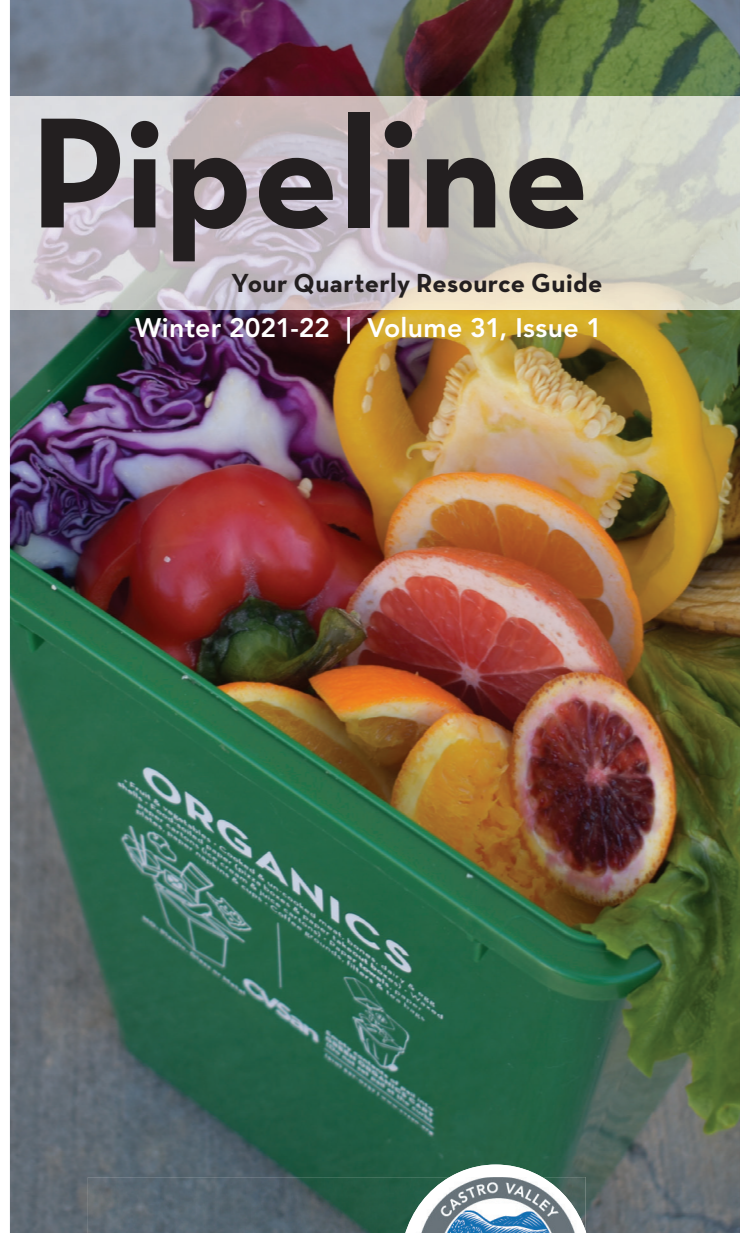
Household Hazardous Waste

(800) 606-6606

household-hazwaste.org

Get Social with CVSan

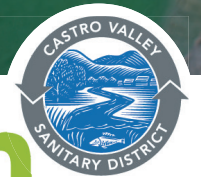
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CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

General Manager's Message

The new year always brings a pause for reflection. Many of the challenges COVID-19 brought to our lives continued throughout 2021. With that said, I am inspired by how Castro Valley continues to come together to overcome whatever difficulties were brought our way. Last year there were several notable events for CVSan: we marked 15 years with no lost time due to an accident, there was a rate decrease for solid waste services, and the Nutrient Optimization Project was completed at the Castro Valley/Oro Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). There is no doubt 2022 will be another landmark year, as we plan to break ground on the new CVSan Headquarters Building, which will help us fulfill our mission for the next 80 years.

In this edition of the Pipeline Newsletter, you will find important information on Senate Bill (SB) 1383. This is a new law that went into effect on January 1st of 2022. It is designed to reduce short-lived climate pollutants by reducing organic waste in landfills. CVSan is

ready to help our customers meet the requirements of the new law.

Wishing you all the best in the new year,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager



What is Senate Bill (SB) 1383?



SB 1383 is a new compost and recycling California state law, beginning on January 1, 2022, which will help keep compostable materials out of landfills. When compostable materials like food scraps, paper, and plant trimmings break down in landfills, they produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas and contributor to climate change.

In Alameda County, the Organics Reduction & Recycling Ordinance will replace the Mandatory Recycling Ordinance to help residents and businesses comply with the regulations set by the state. The local law will be implemented through a partnership between CVSan, Alameda County Industries (ACI), StopWaste, and Alameda County Environmental Health Departments.

Web Accessibility



Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) has a goal of ensuring digital accessibility for visitors of all abilities. Customers visiting cvsan.org can access CVSan's Website Accessibility Toolbar by clicking on the purple icon on the lower left side of our website. This will open the accessibility toolbar, where you can customize the website to meet your accessibility needs. Adjust fonts, font size,

text spacing, cursor size, contrast, highlight elements, focus, and more. This toolbar is an easy way for visitors to tailor the website to their liking. Each accessibility tool in the toolbar can be toggled individually or in concert with others. CVSan welcomes all visitors, inclusive of those with special needs or disabilities.

BSD Spotlight



CVSan’s Business Services Department (BSD) provides continuous support to all CVSan operations. 2022 marks Business Services Supervisor Zaneta Luna’s fifth year with CVSan. She oversees the six employees that make up BSD and plans and organizes all CVSan administrative functions. Additionally, she is responsible for all CVSan Human Resource activities and operations, including recruitment, onboarding, and performance management. When asked what Zaneta enjoys most about her job, she stated, “I enjoy the team dynamics of CVSan and setting a high bar for customer service for our community. We want residents to be proud of the services CVSan provides to the community.”

Ways to Compost



Compost is a natural soil-enriching amendment created from materials such as food scraps, food-soiled paper, and plant debris. Creating compost in your back yard requires a mix of “browns” such as dried leaves and twigs, “greens” such as food scraps and

grass clippings, air, and water. You will need to turn the compost every so often to allow the bacteria, fungi, bugs, and worms to go to work! For more information on composting at the curb in your green organics cart or in your back yard, visit cvsan.org/Compost.

Commercial Organics Service

What does SB 1383 mean for businesses?

All businesses must have access to organics and recycling collection service. Contact Alameda County Industries (ACI), at (510) 483-1400, for

these services or to ask if you may qualify for a waiver. Organics and recycling containers must be placed next to all garbage containers, including indoor containers (except in restrooms). Items must also be properly sorted into the containers.

Organics Collection Tips

Collecting food scraps at home can be tricky. Here are some tips you can use to make it easier to collect food scraps before placing them in the green cart or bin:

- Use a food scrap recycling pail. Visit cvsan.org/DSRF to request one today at no cost to you! Pro tip: line your pail with newspaper, a paper bag, or certified compostable bags.
- Collect food scraps in compostable containers such as paper milk cartons, ice cream cartons, cereal boxes, etc.
- Use shredded paper from your home or office as an absorbent. Mix it with your food scraps to help absorb liquids.



Prepare for Rainy Season



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! If possible, it’s best to be proactive – not reactive. 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.

If you have any questions about installing a BPS, contact the CVSan Engineering Department at (510) 537-0757, ext. 131.

What are Short-Lived Climate Pollutants?

Short-lived climate pollutants are gases that contribute to climate change. For example, methane can be generated when organic materials such as food and plants rot in landfills. Methane is as much as 70 to 80 times more powerful over a 20-year time frame than carbon, which traditionally comes from vehicles. The more organic garbage we create, the more we affect climate change. Fortunately, the state of California has a new law, SB 1383, that aims to reduce organic waste in landfills by 75 percent.



Edible Food Recovery

Under SB 1383, large businesses that generate surplus edible food—such as grocery stores, food distributors, and large restaurants—must donate to food recovery organizations. The goal is to prevent edible food waste and provide it to those in need. Businesses identified as either a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Edible Food Generator (EFG)

must enter into a written agreement with a food recovery organization or service by specific deadline dates.

Tier 1 EFGs are required to comply by January 1, 2022 and Tier 2 EFGs are required to comply by January 1, 2024. Visit [CVSan.org/SB1383](http://cvsan.org/SB1383) for the full Tier 1 and Tier 2 Edible Food Generator criteria or contact CVSan at (510) 537-0757 ext. 102 for assistance.

