

Faces of CVSan



Lorenzo Grayson is a Collection System Maintenance Worker who has worked at CVSan since 2008. His work ensures that Castro Valley's wastewater infrastructure continues to function properly. You can find him in the community, conducting preventive maintenance and responding to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) when they occur.

Lorenzo holds a Grade 1 Collection System Maintenance Certification from the California Water Environment Association (CWEA), and has been an integral member of CVSan's Collection System Maintenance Department when it won the CWEA Small Collection System of the Year Award. Thanks for all you do, Lorenzo, to help keep Castro Valley's wastewater moving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2024 - July 2024

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings
May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd

CVSan Textile Collection Week
June 3rd through June 7th

CVSan Recycles Day Event
July 27th (Go to cvsan.org/RecyclesDay to register)

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

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CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

General Manager's Message

2024 marks the 85th Anniversary of Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan). Back in the late 1930s, the farmers and chicken ranchers who lived here knew that proper sanitation was the cornerstone to future growth and development. And my, how we have grown!

One of the newest buildings in Castro Valley is the new Operations and Engineering Building Project at the corner of Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street. This building will serve as the headquarters for CVSan's operations so that we can provide exceptional wastewater services and manage the solid waste franchise agreement for Castro Valley residents effectively for the next 85 years. As we finish up construction this year, we are planning a grand opening celebration for the community, which we hope you will attend.

In this edition of the Pipeline, learn about the upcoming Textile Collection, Recycles Day event, our Private Sewer Lateral Program, the latest "Trashion" trends, and ways you can help prevent clogs!



Wishing you a great spring,

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager

New Building Project Update



CVSan's staff is excited for the future move into the new Operations and Engineering Building! Construction on the project is ongoing and completion is anticipated for Fall 2024. The project is located on the corner of Castro Valley Boulevard and Center Street. The new building is 21,232 square feet, two stories

high, and will provide more office space for current and future staff levels. It will also include adequate equipment storage, conference rooms, a Boardroom, and a new demonstration garden to beautify the existing corner. The underground utilities and precast soundwall were completed in 2023. For more information visit cvsan.org/Projects.

Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Program

Are you planning to sell your home in spring or summer? Have you checked the condition of your private sewer lateral? When a property is sold, the private sewer lateral is required to meet compliance with CVSan's standards. A closed-circuit television (CCTV) permit must be obtained from CVSan, and the private sewer lateral inspection that a sewer contractor performs must be witnessed by a CVSan inspector. By meeting compliance, CVSan and the new property owner can be assured that the private sewer lateral is free of any cracks, roots, and other defects. You can obtain more information about the Private Sewer Lateral Program at cvsan.org/PSL.





Say No to Wipes!



Single-use wipes, such as baby wipes, cleaning wipes, makeup wipes, and medicated wipes, have recently gained in popularity and are often mislabeled with the claim that they are flushable. However, many of these wipes are made from non-biodegradable materials and do not actually break down after being flushed, causing them to linger in the wastewater collection system and contribute to clogs and blockages. Wipes of any kind should never be flushed down the toilet. They belong in the garbage. We can all take simple actions to ensure that Castro Valley’s wastewater collection system stays functional. Please say No to Wipes!

For more information on how you can help prevent blockages, please visit: cvsan.org/PreventBlockages.

Easement Access



Sanitary sewer easements give CVSsan the universal right to use a portion of private property to maintain the wastewater collection system. This provides CVSsan with access and rights to repair, replace, inspect, enlarge, change, maintain, test, and/or remove the public sewer main inside of the easement. This means that CVSsan workers may go into the easement at any time and may have a contractor present to perform maintenance activities.

CVSsan makes every effort to try to minimize impacts on the property owner and does its best to notify property owners before entry; however, CVSsan may need to enter without prior notification during a sewer emergency. You can learn more about easements and find out if your property has one at cvsan.org/Easements.

Bag Batteries

Household batteries can be recycled curbside. Residents with blue recycling cart service can place used batteries in a clear zip-top bag on top of the recycling cart on collection day. Acceptable batteries are AAA, AA, B, C, D, 9V, and small “button” batteries. Please tape terminals on 9-volt batteries. Automotive, lithium-ion, or liquid batteries are not accepted. Do not place batteries directly inside the recycling cart – this could lead to potential fires.



GSAMP Update Completed

CVSsan recently completed an update to its Gravity Sewer Asset Management Plan (GSAMP). This plan supports CVSsan in its efforts to prioritize the capital improvement projects which help target some of the most defective pipelines in the almost 160 miles of sanitary sewer main that CVSsan is responsible for maintaining. With aging infrastructure, it is critical that our pipeline replacement projects are well-planned to effectively use the funding available. CVSsan’s Collection System Maintenance Department is constantly collecting new inspection data on our system, which is a critical component of the GSAMP.

Green Ribbon Schools



For years, Palomares Elementary School has been putting on a recycled or repurposed materials fashion or “Trashion” show. This counts as an activity on their Green Ribbon application and is a fun way to engage students with repurposing materials into something new. You can see a great video of the Palomares Elementary Trashion show on their Twitter.com page from January 13, 2023. Great job being creative and using those materials in fashion instead of throwing them away, and way to promote reduce and reuse, Palomares!

July Recycles Day



CVSsan’s Recycles Day and Compost Give-Away event will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Canyon Middle School – 19600 Cull Canyon Road. Alameda County residents are invited to drop off household hazardous waste (HHW), such as e-waste, paint, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and sharps. CVSsan residents may also drop off textiles. CVSsan residents and businesses can also receive three 1-cubic foot bags of compost! An appointment is required. Registration opens in June. Visit cvsan.org/RecyclesDay for exact registration dates and details. Appointments are limited.

Textile Collection Week



Do you have clothes, linens, or towels at home that you no longer use? Between June 3rd - 7th, place bagged textiles on the curb. Please ensure bags are set out by 6:00 a.m. and visible to the Alameda County Industries (ACI) driver. Do not place bags behind or on top of carts.

- Single-family residents: Set out textiles on your regular collection day.
- Multi-family residents: Check with your property manager for your textile collection day.

For full details and a complete list of acceptable items, visit cvsan.org/Textiles.

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