

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

December 2019 - February 2020

Organics, recycling, and garbage collection will be one day later from December 25th to 28th. Collection will be on schedule all other days.

Holiday Tree Collection

January 6th - 10th and January 13th - 17th

Upcoming CVSan Board Meetings

December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th

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

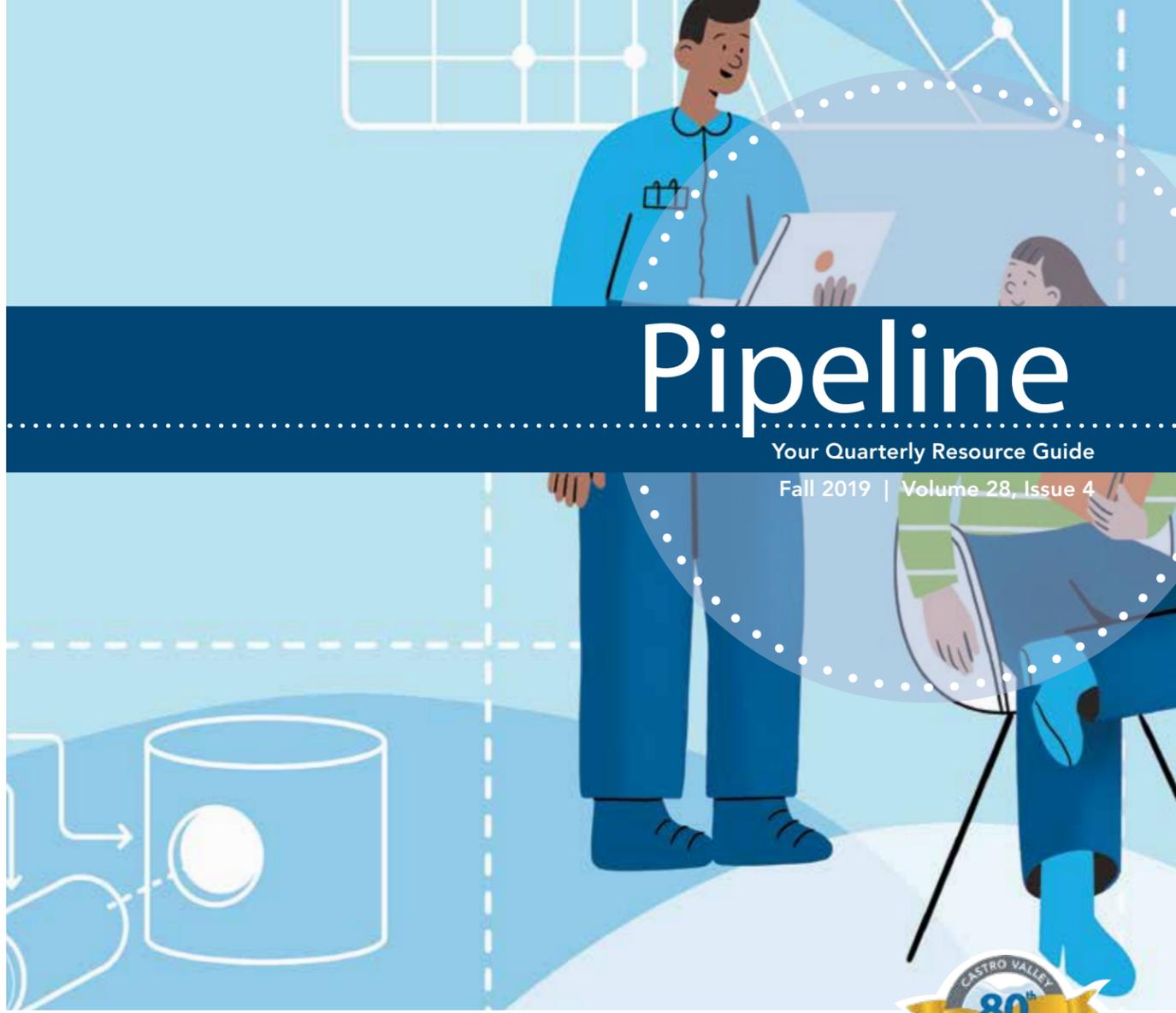
Household Hazardous Waste

800-606-6606

www.household-hazwaste.org

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General Manager's Message

On July 25th, we reached a significant milestone: CVSan's 80th year of providing effective environmental services to the community. On August 6th, CVSan was presented with proclamations from numerous public agencies including the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, United States Congressman Eric Swalwell, and the California State Assembly to recognize this achievement. Then, on September 7th and 8th, CVSan celebrated with the community at the Castro Valley Fall Festival. We were out in full force with demonstrations, photo booths, games, and prizes. Thank you to the hundreds of residents who visited our booths and the volunteers who made the festival possible.

We're proud of what CVSan has accomplished over the past 80 years and look forward to the future. Explore this issue of Pipeline to find out what's in store in the months ahead.

Roland P. Williams, Jr.
General Manager



Zero Waste Week 2020

Following the success of Zero Waste Week 2019, CVSan is preparing for Zero Waste Week 2020, scheduled for February 3rd – 8th. We plan to include fun and engaging

activities such as a fruit gleaning event, a Zero Waste cooking workshop, a bicycle-focused fixit clinic, and more. Visit CVSan.org/ZeroWaste for more information and to RSVP for events.



Selling a Property? Add This to Your To-Do List

Are you planning to sell your home? Have you checked the condition of your private sewer lateral? CVSan's Ordinance No. 179 requires property owners to obtain a sewer lateral compliance certificate before selling any property. If the property does not have a certificate, the property owner must hire a sewer contractor to perform a closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection of the private sewer lateral. For more, please visit www.cvsan.org/psl.

Marshall Street Capacity Improvement Project

In August, Devaney Engineering Inc. began construction on CVSan's Marshall Street Capacity Improvement/Repair & Rehabilitation Project. Once completed, this \$1.85 million dollar project will have replaced 3,000 linear feet of sewer mains and spot repairs at various locations throughout Castro Valley. Most of the

construction work was on Marshall Street and smaller connecting streets.

The pipes that were repaired or replaced were originally built in the 1940s and 1950s. By replacing them with newer, larger pipes, CVSan reduced the risk of sewer overflows. Visit CVSan.org/Projects for more information about ongoing and upcoming projects.

Keep FOG out of Drains this Holiday Season

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can clog pipes, causing inconvenient and costly backups and sewer problems. Dispose of used cooking oil properly instead of dumping it down the drain. If you have one cup or less, you can simply compost it in your green organics cart. Dispose of larger amounts (up to three gallons) in four simple steps:

- 1) Put your FOG in a screw-top plastic container that is no taller than twelve inches.
- 2) Label the container "Cooking Oil."
- 3) Place the container curbside next to your blue recycling cart for pick-up.
- 4) Pat yourself on the back for being a master recycler!



Can I Use Plastic Bags for Organics?

Do you wonder how to properly dispose of your organics (food scraps, food soiled paper, and plant debris)? Just follow the guidelines below.

- x Plastic bags: Do not bag organics in plastic bags; the bags cannot be composted.
- √ Bagless: For the easiest option, just place organics directly into your green container!
- √ Paper bags: Paper bags are great for organics collection because they are natural and will break down in a composting facility.
- √ Compostable bags: You may dispose of organics in compostable bags. Look for bags labeled "compostable" and Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified.
- √ Paper milk cartons, coffee cups, and take-out boxes: Multi-task with these containers: since they can be discarded as organics, you can also use them to collect other organics.



Shop Used for Sports Equipment

Sports and outdoor activities are a great way to stay active, but purchasing all the necessary equipment can be expensive and it can generate unnecessary waste. These tips can help you lower costs by sharing, reusing, and renting equipment.

Share with neighbors, friends, and family! Borrow a beach volleyball set for the day instead of buying your own set.

Loan your equipment to help others.

Secondhand sports equipment is available for free through freecycle.org and can be purchased at Play it Again Sports.

Renting camping equipment, bikes, snow gear, and more is easy at REI and Sports Basement.

Visit CVSan.org/Reuse for more resources.



Holiday Tree Collection

Holiday trees may be set out on your collection day between January 6th – 10th and January 13th – 17th, 2020. Please remove ornaments, tinsel, nails, and stands, and cut trees that are over six feet tall. Flocked trees (trees that have been coated with artificial snow or similar adhesive

material) will be collected but not composted. Single-family residents may place trees curbside. Multi-family residents may place trees in your building's general collection area or enclosure. If you miss the two-week collection period, holiday trees must be cut up and placed inside the organics cart for collection.

Be Wastewater-Wise this Winter

Heavy rain increases the chances of a sewer overflow when untreated wastewater escapes public sewer mains. This winter, be wastewater-wise by following these tips:

Call CVSan in case of sewer overflows. If you see an overflowing manhole within CVSan's boundaries, please call us at 510-537-0757 (on weekdays 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) or 510-506-5821 (after 4:00 p.m., weekends, and holidays).

Keep easement manholes clear. If you have a manhole on your property, remember to keep the area clear of debris so CVSan can access it for maintenance. If you receive a sewer maintenance door hanger, please call CVSan at the number on the doorhanger so we can arrange to inspect and clean the public sewer main within the following week.

Slow for the cone zone. Please drive carefully around the traffic diversions CVSan workers set up to maintain public sewer mains. Remember to slow down while passing a cone zone so that both you and our staff get home safely.

Become an Urban Backpacker

When people hear the word backpacking, they usually envision someone venturing off into the wilderness with nothing but the items that can fit in a backpack. Typically, these items are lightweight and can be reused throughout the trip. Bring this concept to your neighborhood through urban backpacking! When you leave the house, pack all the reusables you need to avoid common single-use items: a reusable water bottle, straw, cloth napkin, and utensils. You can even pack them in a purse. Have your own urban adventure while being Zero Waste.

