

Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Oro Loma Sanitary District

Oro Loma Sanitary District received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF), in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

The Special District Leadership Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to promote good governance and best practices among California's special districts through certification, accreditation and other recognition programs.

"This award is a testament to Oro Loma Sanitary District's longstanding commitment to open government," said Tim Becker, Board President. "Many of the requirements have been in place for years prior to the guidelines published by SDLF. The entire staff is to be commended for seeking out best industry practices and implementing them here at the District. Achieving high standards of transparency and managing the public's infrastructure well is a key to maintaining public trust."

To earn the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports with the State Controller in a timely manner. Oro Loma also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public—Board agendas, minutes, district budgets and financial audits.



No "Biodegradable" Food Scrap Bags

"Biodegradable" bags sold for use in collecting food scraps are made from potato or corn, which is readily biodegradable. However, the polymers used to bind the bag do not decompose within the time and temperature conditions under which Oro Loma's green waste is composted. These bags must be picked out manually from the food scraps that Waste Management collects, and discarded as trash.

If you wish to line your green pail before adding kitchen scraps, use a paper bag or folded newspaper. You may also use an empty milk carton or take-out container to collect your scraps before placing them into your green cart.

Thank you for making the Oro Loma food scrap recycling program such a success!



WASTEWATER COLLECTION CORNER

Wastewater that overflows out of a manhole is a safety and environmental emergency in which every minute counts. If you see, or suspect you see, a spill in the public right-of-way, immediately note the time and call Oro Loma at **(510) 276-4700**. That number is serviced 24-hours a day, seven days a week by a real person. An emergency crew will be sent out at once to investigate. Do not call the City, the sheriff, or the fire department, as that will only delay response time.

Oro Loma appreciates your cooperation in this important matter.

