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**Oro Loma Board
 Votes for a
 Residential Sewer
 Rate Reduction!**

New Law Makes It Illegal to Dispose of Medical Sharps in the Trash

As of September 1, 2008, it will be illegal to dispose of medical sharps in the trash.

Home-generated needles and other medical sharps that are thrown into household waste or flushed down the toilet present a great risk to sanitation and sewage treatment workers. Used needles, syringes, and lancets can injure people and spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and syphilis. Since all used needles and syringes may carry disease, anyone incurring a needle stick injury must undergo expensive medical testing and treatment in addition to worrying about his/her health.

Alameda County residents can dispose of their own medical sharps waste for free at any of Alameda County's Household Hazardous Waste facilities. Proof of Alameda County residency is required and only home-generated sharps in approved containers will be accepted.

Approved sharps containers are available from medical providers and most chain pharmacies and drugstores, as well as some discount warehouse stores. Follow instructions for filling and sealing, and then bring the container to a Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Keep the container separate from any other waste and let the greeter know you have sharps with you when you arrive.

For further information and a schedule, visit www.stopwaste.org, call 510-670-6460, or email HHWS sharps@acgov.org.

To find out more about your options for the proper disposal of medical sharps, visit the EPA Web site at www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/medical/disposal.htm or contact the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at (800) 643-1643 or www.safeneedledisposal.org



Garbage Rate Increase

The District's agreement with Waste Management of Alameda County provides for annual garbage rate adjustments for customers, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), including a CPI adjustment of the Altamont fees imposed by Alameda County. This year, the new rates also reflect an increase in Measure D fees, mandated by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. Residential recycling and green waste fees will remain unchanged. The rates for the City of San Leandro are higher due to the additional franchise fee imposed on Waste Management by the City. A public hearing on the rate increase will be held on September 2, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the District offices, 2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA.

New draft garbage rates are as follows:

Residential Unincorporated Alameda County and the portion of Hayward serviced by Oro Loma

	2007-2008 rate	2008-2009 rate	Increase
20-Gallon	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.88	\$0.18/month
32-Gallon	\$11.40	\$11.75	\$0.35/month
64-Gallon	\$22.81	\$23.52	\$0.71/month
96-Gallon	\$34.21	\$35.27	\$1.06/month

Residential portion the City of San Leandro serviced by Oro Loma

	2007-2008 rate	2008-2009 rate	Increase
20-Gallon	\$ 6.48	\$ 6.68	\$0.20/month
32-Gallon	\$12.97	\$13.38	\$0.41/month
64-Gallon	\$25.94	\$26.75	\$0.81/month
96-Gallon	\$38.91	\$40.13	\$1.22/month

Commercial and industrial customers (garbage and recycling):

Unincorporated Alameda County and the portion of Hayward serviced by Oro Loma increased by 3.10%

The portion of City of San Leandro serviced by Oro Loma increased by 3.14%

A complete list of rates is available at www.oroloma.org.