

resident's Message

These are exciting times at Oro Loma! We have just paid off all our outstanding bonds—\$3,365,000. The District is debt free! In a period of financial uncertainty, with individuals and organizations finding themselves burdened with debt they can't repay, the District has been able to maintain a strong financial position. None of this would have been possible without the continued dedication and stewardship of our community, staff, and fellow Board members.

In June 2009, Oro Loma launched a food scrap recycling program. At that time, each single-family residence received a green pail and informational materials about the program. In October, you may see members of our staff looking in green waste containers set out at the curb for collection. The purpose of the audit is to measure the success of the food scrap program, and to comply with the grant requirements imposed by Alameda County Waste Management Authority. The residential food scrap collection effort helps the District meet the 75% diversion goal established by Alameda County voters. If you have any questions, please contact us at (510) 276-4700, or visit our website at www.oroloma.org.

In May 2009, Oro Loma honored the winners of the Oro Loma/Waste Management Earth Day 2009 Poster Contest. On January 19, 2010, the 2010 contest kicks off. The 2010 contest marks the 16th year in a row that Oro Loma and Waste Management will have partnered to promote environmental awareness and support the students and schools in our District. The contest, whose theme is "It's Easy Being Green—Food Scrap Recycling," ends on March 19, 2010.

Lastly, this is a time of some uncertainty in our community, due to the upcoming flu season, and its potential severity. Be assured that Oro Loma has implemented all the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to keep our staff healthy and on the job. There is no need to be concerned—the plant will remain fully operational under any and all circumstances.

Safe Disposal of Medications



You can help keep potentially dangerous pharmaceuticals out of our water by safely disposing of unwanted medicines at one of three Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Facilities. Directions to these sites—in Oakland, Hayward, and Livermore—and hours of operation are available at www.stop-waste.org or by calling (800) 606-6606. Old, expired, or unneeded prescription and non-prescription medications are accepted. Controlled substances are not accepted. For information on how to dispose of controlled substances, email HHW@acgov.org. Please bring proof of Alameda County residency when you visit the waste site. Pills may be poured into zip-locked plastic bags or left in their original containers. Be sure to remove your name and identifying information from all medicine labels.

Bulky Pickup Confirmation

Oro Loma residential customers are entitled to two free bulky waste pickups per calendar year. To schedule a pickup, call (510) 613-8710 at least two weeks in advance. You will receive a postcard with a confirmation number. Call back if you do not receive a postcard.

A list of what is accepted for pickup, and the correct way to place items out for collection, is available on the Oro Loma website, www.oroloma.org.

Please Slow Down

Yes, the garbage and recycling trucks are out in the morning picking up trash and recycling—just when you need to get somewhere. And, yes, they need to go slowly and stop often. But, please, don't race around them. By slowing down, you can prevent a tragic accident. The garbage and recycling truck operators thank you.

Garbage Rate Increase

The District's agreement with Waste Management provides for annual garbage rate adjustments for customers, based on a percentage of the changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), plus any pass-through fees imposed by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. Below are the new garbage rates, with a comparison to the 2008-2009 charges. Residential recycling and green waste fees are unchanged. The rates for the City of San Leandro are higher due to the additional franchise fee imposed on Waste Management by the City.

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

	2008-2009 rate	2009-2010 rate	Increase
20-Gallon	\$ 5.88	\$ 5.98	\$0.10/month
32-Gallon	\$11.75	\$11.94	\$0.19/month
64-Gallon	\$23.52	\$23.91	\$0.39/month
96-Gallon	\$35.27	\$35.85	\$0.58/month

Residential portion of the City of San Leandro serviced by Oro Loma

	2008-2009 rate	2009-2010 rate	Increase
20-Gallon	\$ 6.68	\$ 6.80	\$0.12/month
32-Gallon	\$13.38	\$13.62	\$0.24/month
64-Gallon	\$26.75	\$27.22	\$0.47/month
96-Gallon	\$40.13	\$40.84	\$0.71/month

Commercial and industrial customers (garbage and recycling):

Unincorporated Alameda County and the portion of Hayward serviced by Oro Loma increased by 1.64%

The portion of City of San Leandro serviced by Oro Loma increased by 1.76%

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