

Disposable Wipes
Clog Plant
Equipment
and Sewer
Lines

Introducing... Rob Fletcher

Nine months ago, Rob Fletcher became Oro Loma's newest Utility Worker Trainee. As such, Rob helps District mechanics perform preventative maintenance and repair



on plant equipment and vehicles. Although his training and experience is mainly in mechanics, Rob is also gaining the plumbing and electrical experience he'll need as he advances through the Plant Maintenance Certification process.

Right now, Rob is studying through the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) to attain his Mechanical Technologist Grade 1 Certificate.

Before coming to Oro Loma, Rob worked for several years as an auto mechanic, a trade he learned at Clayton Valley High School and Diablo Valley Community College. Rob much prefers his present assignment, as it allows him to work outdoors in an environmentally-important field, with a group of highly-trained professionals. Being a mechanic at heart, Rob is particularly impressed with the District's co-generation plant, which uses methane produced by the digesters to provide over 90% of the wastewater treatment plant's energy needs.

In his spare time, Rob likes to play hockey and work on cars. He sees himself staying with Oro Loma well into the future, always learning something new.

Davis Street Recycling and Transfer Station

o you ever wonder what happens to all that recycling and green waste you put out for collection? It all goes to Waste Management's Davis Street Recycling and Transfer Station at 2615 Davis Street in San Leandro. There, recyclable materials are sorted, bundled, baled, and compacted before being taken away to be made into new products. Green waste, including food scraps, is put through a grinder and then sent to a composting facility in the Central Valley where, after seven to ten weeks, it becomes nutrient-rich compost.

The Davis Street Recycling Center is open to residents for unlimited free drop off of cardboard, newspaper, mixed office paper, mixed household paper, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, scrap steel and aluminum, and foam carpet pads. Residents may also recycle up to five gallons of used motor oil. Computer monitors, laptop computers, and televisions may be dropped off without charge. The facility buys back certain items, such as cans and bottles with California redemption value. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For a complete list of materials accepted at the transfer station and for a rate sheet, visit www.dsgardencenter.com/index.asp. While there, be sure to check out the "Recycling Fact Sheet" to see where all that recycling eventually ends up. The phone number for the Davis Street Recycling and Transfer Station is (510) 638-2303.

