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Oro Loma Sanitary District Wins State Collection System of the Year Award!

On January 7, 2011 Oro Loma was informed that it once again won the prestigious California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Award for best collections system of its size in the San Francisco Bay Area Region for 2010. On April 7, 2011 at its annual meeting, CWEA announced that Oro Loma had also won the State Award in the same category for 2010. Oro Loma won the State Award two times before, in 2000 and 2005.

The San Francisco Bay Area Region is one of 17 regions in California. In order to win the State Award, Oro Loma needed to show why it outperformed the other regions that had submitted entries, including those from Southern California.

The collection crew's award-winning safety program, its 3,100 days with no lost-time accidents, zero overflows in 2010, and the over 2 million feet of sewer line that is serviced and maintained each year were key factors in winning the award.

The collection crew won the State Award because of the drive to be the best, the ability to work so well together as a team, and the willingness to practice, practice, and practice again. This is also what makes the collection crew such an invaluable part of Oro Loma.



Oro Loma Sanitary District collections crew from left to right:
Bert Gileno, Rudy Vera, Earl Miranda, Marty Banuelos, Tim Cravalho, Randy Wilhite, Christopher Brown, Lenny Rather



Oro Loma/ Waste Management Earth Day 2011 Poster Contest

Over 2,700 students from 32 schools submitted entries in the 17th annual Oro Loma/Waste Management Earth Day 2011 Poster Contest. The contest was open to all Oro Loma Sanitary District students in grades K-12 attending a school that is serviced by Waste Management. The theme of this year's contest, "Imagine... Recycling 2050," asked students to show what recycling might be like in 40 years.

Prize categories in the contest were expanded this year to include a Recycling Star Kindergarten group. Five students in this group won \$100 each. Also, for the first time, Certificate of Merit winners were awarded \$25. Ten Certificate of Merit winners in each of six 1-12 grade groups were awarded this prize.

Cash prizes of \$700 for First Place, \$500 for Second Place, \$300 for Third Place, and \$150 for Honorable Mention (two) were awarded in six grade groups from first to twelfth grades. The winning students' schools received matching cash prizes and those schools that submitted eligible entries but had no cash winners were mailed \$100 Participation Awards.

Students who won a First, Second, Third Place or Honorable Mention award found out they were winners on Earth Day, April 22, but it wasn't until the awards ceremony on May 24 that they learned which prize they won.

Prizes totaling \$11,300 were presented for First, Second, Third, Honorable Mention, and Recycling Stars. An equal \$11,300 was given to the students' schools. Ten \$25 Certificates of Merit in each of the six grade categories were awarded,



Helpful Notes

1. Residential Food Scraps Recycling Program

Oro Loma Sanitary District residents can recycle all food products, including meat and bone, coffee grounds and tea bags, food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, paper towels, paper plates, paper napkins, and waxed paper containers such as milk cartons and paper cups in their green waste cart.

2. Unpleasant green cart odors?

Prop the cart lid open 4-5 inches, so water evaporates, while the heat inside initiates the composting process and breaks down the contents of the cart.

3. The only cardboard that belongs in the green waste cart is food-soiled cardboard.

All other cardboard goes into the recycling cart. If you need a larger green waste or recycling cart, call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710. There is no charge for a larger green waste or recycling cart.

4. Recycling just got more rewarding in Oro Loma.

From April through June 2011, StopWaste.Org will give District residents a chance to win prizes for keeping their trash free of recyclables and compostables. For more information about recycling, the contest, and how to win, visit www.ReadySetRecycleContest.Org.

totaling \$1,500. Schools that submitted eligible posters but had no winners, were each given \$100 Participation Awards, for an additional \$1,800. In all, \$25,900 was awarded to students and schools in the Oro Loma Sanitary District!

Bohannon Middle School (\$2,300), Redwood Christian School (\$1,400), and San Lorenzo High School (\$1,100) were the top three winning schools.

A complete list of winning students and prizes is available online at www.roloma.org. Recycling Star, First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention posters, which will appear in a 2011-2012 Oro Loma calendar, are also posted on the District's website.

First, Second, Third Place, Honorable Mention, and Recycling Star Award winners were honored at a ceremony in the Titan Auditorium of the Marina Community Center in San Leandro on Tuesday, May 24.



Oro Loma 100th Anniversary

On August 7, 2011 Oro Loma will celebrate its 100th anniversary, making it one of the oldest sanitary districts in California. Look for a special issue of the Oro Loma News at the beginning of August. The newsletter will highlight some of the District's many accomplishments.

Also in August, the District will offer free tours of the treatment plant every Wednesday. Reservations are required and must be made by the Friday before the requested date. Call (510) 276-4700 during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, to reserve your spot on the tour.

President's Message

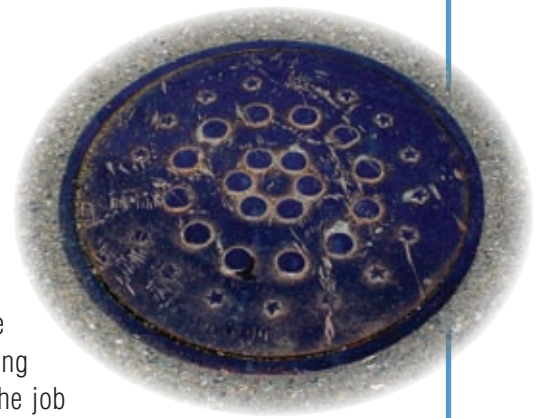
Oro Loma Needs Your Help

Oro Loma has an award-winning collections team with an unsurpassed record of servicing and maintaining the almost 300 miles of sewer lines that lie under the streets of Oro Loma. (See article on page 1.) They pride themselves on preventing sewer overflows and immediately correcting problems before any environmental damage occurs. But they can't do the job by themselves; they can't be everywhere at all times. The crew counts on residents to call the District at (510) 276-4700 if they suspect a problem. The phone is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week by a real person, not an answering machine. The service response is free.

If you see water or any other liquid coming out of a crack in the street or out of a manhole, call Oro Loma right away. If you have an overflow from your lateral cleanout, call Oro Loma. If the problem is in the sewer main, Oro Loma will fix it. If the problem is with another utility or agency, Oro Loma will inform them. If the problem is with the residential lateral, the crew will let you know. There is never a charge for the service call.

Remember—(510) 276-4700. Emergency response is available 24/7.

Oro Loma is counting on you.



Two Free Bulky Pickups per Year

Residential customers in Oro Loma can take advantage of two FREE bulky pickups per calendar year. Be sure to call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710 at least two weeks in advance to schedule your pickup. There are no pickups during the first two weeks of January.

Before throwing out useful items, consider donating them, or holding a garage sale. Magazines, newspapers, corrugated cardboard, and many types of plastic and metal containers can be recycled. For a list of what can be recycled, visit www.roloma.org.

INCLUDE

Large Residential Appliances

- Up to 3.



Tires

- Up to 4.
- Passenger vehicle tires only.
- No rims.



Household Furniture and Mattresses

- Up to 3 large items, including mattresses of any size.



Yard Trimmings and Wood

- Branches or wood must not exceed 4 ft. long or 6 in. in diameter.
- Branches and tree limbs must be bundled.
- Clean, untreated, unpainted wood only.



Trash and Small Appliances

- Trash must be in bags or other disposable containers.
- Containers will not be returned.
- Up to 2 cubic yards, which is approximately 16 large trash bags or a stack 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 6 ft.



DO NOT INCLUDE



Items Over 75 lbs.

- Other than furniture, mattresses, and appliances



Hazardous Waste

- No paint, solvents, gasoline, antifreeze, oil, car batteries, pesticides, or materials containing asbestos.
- For hazardous waste disposal information, contact the Alameda County Hazardous Waste Program (800) 606-6606 or visit www.household-hazwaste.org



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Important Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Oro Loma Sanitary District Office and
24/7 Emergency Response: (510) 276-4700
Waste Management:..... (510) 613-8710

Alameda County Recycling Hotline: (877) STOPWASTE
Alameda County
Household Hazardous Waste:..... (800) 606-6606

Spotlight on Excellence Jimmy Dang

Jimmy Dang, PE, was hired on March 14, 2011 as Oro Loma's newest Field Engineer. As a Field Engineer, Jimmy's responsibilities include issuing sewer permits and overseeing local construction jobs to make sure they are in compliance with Oro Loma's sewer regulations and standards. Jimmy will also manage plant construction projects, such as the installation of the new belt press, and generally interact with the public on behalf of the District in projects that involve Oro Loma's sewer system.



Jimmy is a registered civil engineer who received his degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Before coming to Oro Loma, he worked for a heavy civil engineering contracting firm and then with a consulting engineering company for five years.

A resident of Oakland since he was two, Jimmy bikes to work whenever he can. In his free time he enjoys shooting pool, fishing, and snowboarding.

Jimmy was drawn to Oro Loma because of the people, the responsibility, and the opportunity to work both in the office and in the field. He sees himself staying with the District for a very long time.

Safely and Legally Dispose of Unwanted Pharmaceuticals

The April 30 National Medication Take-Back Event was a huge success in Alameda County, with over 85 pounds of medications collected.

Residents can safely and legally dispose of non-controlled pharmaceuticals every day at three local sites. They are:

1. Ted's Drugs, 27453 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545, (510) 782-6494
2. Davis Street Family Resource Center, 3081 Teagarden St., San Leandro, CA 94577, (510) 347-4620
3. Medical Arts Pharmacy, 13847 E. 14th St., San Leandro, CA 94578, (510) 357-1881

The sites have been established as part of the Alameda County Medication Disposal Initiative. To learn more about the initiative and why it is so important to properly dispose of common pharmaceuticals, visit <http://acseniors-medisposal.net/> or call (510) 885-8743.

The following site is the only one that can legally accept controlled substances as well as other drugs:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office
15001 Foothill Blvd.
San Leandro, CA 94578, (510) 667-7721

