

## Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The District was recently honored with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Two-Year Budget. The award covers fiscal years 2015-17 and has taken on a new format to conform with GFOA's standards and best practices in budgeting. The budget provides a great tool for the general public to learn more about the District's financial health and overall operation. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. The District congratulates Arlene Wong, Finance Manager, and Pearl Gonzalez, Accountant, for this achievement.

## Protect Your Home with a Backflow Prevention System

Oro Loma cleans its 270 miles of sewer pipe at an average rate of once every nine months and uses a mobile camera to inspect the entire system every 2.5 years. Even with these proactive practices, it is possible for an overflow to occur.



In the event of a blockage in the public sewer, wastewater may back up into private laterals. A Backflow Prevention System will stop the flow from coming back into the house. To determine if you should install a system, contact the District at (510) 276-4700 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm).

## Helpful Reminders

### Don't Connect Roof or Yard Drains to the Sewer System

Piping runoff water into the sewer system, either from house gutters or a sump pump, is against District, local, and federal regulations. During heavy rains, such illegally diverted runoff can dramatically increase the volume of water going to the treatment plant. Any illegal drain(s) must be disconnected from the sanitary sewer system and re-routed to the appropriate storm drainage system.



### "Flushable" Wipes Belong in the Trash, NOT in the Toilet



Unlike toilet paper, disposable wipes (even those labeled "flushable") do not disintegrate in water. "Disposable" or "flushable" wipes can clog home plumbing and sewer mains. Never flush anything but toilet paper and human waste down your toilet. For more information, visit <http://baywise.org/residents/your-toilet>.

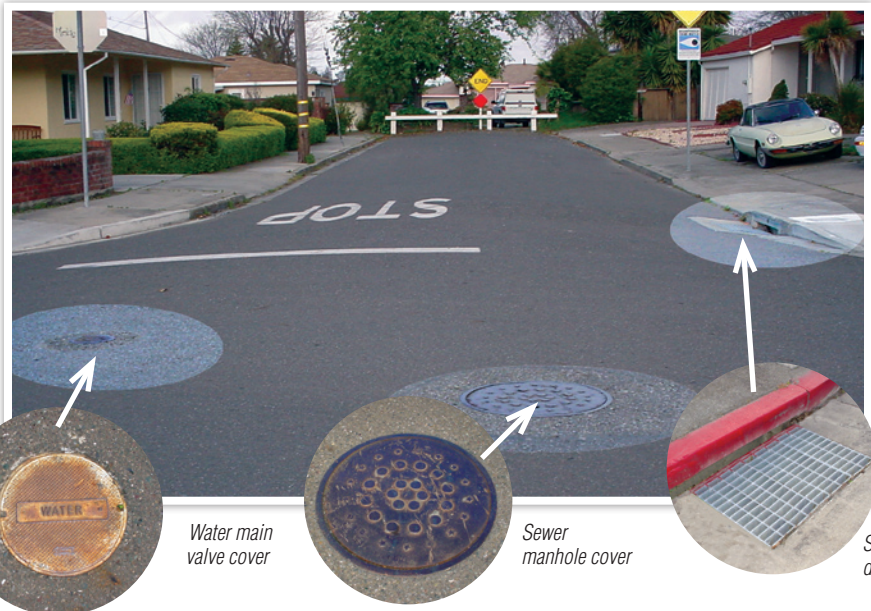
## WASTEWATER COLLECTION CORNER

### Know Your Utilities

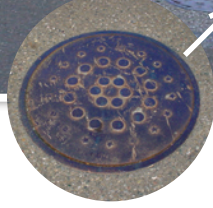
Water is running down your street—but where is it coming from? If you're not sure, call Oro Loma at (510) 276-4700 right away. The District has a crew on hand 24 hours a day, seven days a week to handle emergencies.

But the problem may have nothing to do with the sewer. Maybe the water is coming from a water main valve (call EBMUD at 866-403-2683), or a clogged storm drain (call Alameda County at 510-670-5480).

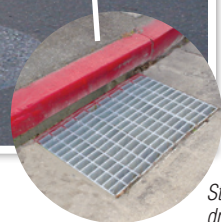
Remember—If you think there might be a sewer problem, immediately call Oro Loma. If your street is flooded during a storm, call Alameda County.



Water main valve cover



Sewer manhole cover



Storm drain