

# INSIDE ORO LOMA



## Oro Loma Sanitary District Named “Plant of the Year”

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) has named Oro Loma Sanitary District the “Plant of the Year” in the Medium Plant category (5-20 MGD). This top statewide honor recognizes Oro Loma’s outstanding compliance record, innovative practices, and dedication to environmental stewardship.



### Oro Loma’s achievements include:

- **Compliance:** Consistent NPDES permit compliance, with advanced nutrient removal achieving total inorganic nitrogen levels below 10 mg/L.
- **Innovation:** Pioneering Horizontal Levee with UC Berkeley, an ongoing 40-mile pipeline replacement program, and leading the Bay Area with a proactive response to nutrient levels in the SF Bay with our Nutrient Optimization Project.
- **Sustainability:** Reduced energy use through solar power, biogas cogeneration, and a F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, and Grease) receiving program.
- **Biosolids Management:** Producing Class A biosolids through anaerobic digestion and solar drying.

Oro Loma also excels in operational efficiency, using advanced process controls and a maintenance system, ensuring 98% uptime. The District emphasizes employee development, safety, financial stewardship, and collaboration to tackle challenges like sea-level rise.

Read the full award story at: [OroLoma.org/award-cwea](https://OroLoma.org/award-cwea) or scan the QR code to view a video featuring our employees sharing their perspectives on this accomplishment.

*“We are incredibly honored. This award is a testament to our dedication to public health, environmental protection, and the well-being of our community. It reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire team, and we thank our Board of Directors for their support.”*

**– Jimmy Dang, GM**



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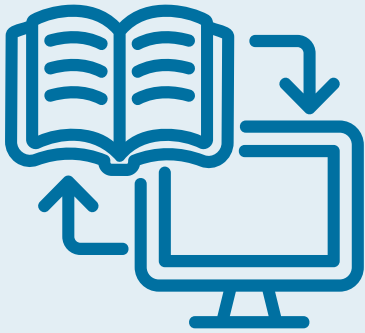
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# Our Newsletter is Going Digital!

Beginning Fall 2025, Oro Loma Sanitary District is transitioning its quarterly newsletter from print to digital. As more residents turn to online platforms, this change offers faster access, reduces environmental impact, saves resources, and supports sustainability.

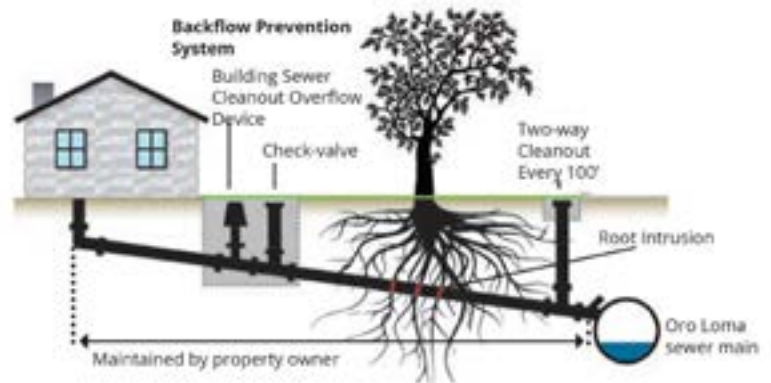


Our printed newsletter has served the community well, but rising costs and changing preferences make this the right time to switch. The new digital format will continue to provide timely updates on projects, programs, and tips—delivered directly to your inbox or available anytime at [OroLoma.org](https://OroLoma.org).

*Prefer a hard copy?* A printable version will still be available at [OroLoma.org/newsletter](https://OroLoma.org/newsletter), so you can print it at home if desired. While the format is changing, our commitment to keeping you informed and engaged in the Oro Loma community remains the same.

## Connecting the Pipes: Your Home's Plumbing and the Sewer System

Every home is connected to the public sewer system through a pipe called a **private sewer lateral**. This underground pipe carries wastewater from your sinks, showers, and toilets out to the **sewer main**, which is usually located under the street.



While Oro Loma Sanitary District takes care of the public sewer mains and the wastewater treatment plant, **the private lateral is the homeowner's responsibility**—including keeping it clear and making any needed repairs.

In most cases, your lateral doesn't stop at your property line. It often extends under the sidewalk or street, all the way to the sewer main. That's why understanding where it runs and how to maintain it is so important.



## Sign Up for a Plant Tour!

Whether you're a student, educator, local resident, or part of a community group, this guided tour offers valuable insight into how Oro Loma protects public health and helps keep San Francisco Bay clean.

Space is limited—reserve your spot today! Visit [OroLoma.org/tour](https://OroLoma.org/tour) for details and registration.

# School is Back in Session!

Summer's over, the backpacks are packed, and the bedtimes are back. It's a great time to dust off the 4R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot, at school and at home.

## At School:

Apple core? Green bin-Rot never looked so responsible.

Unopened snacks or milk? Share the love at the shared table.

Reusable water bottle? A+ in waste reduction.

Using disposable packaging? Use recyclable or compostable materials like paper.

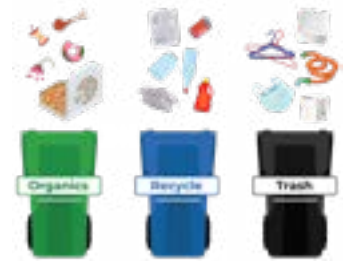
And, always remember, bottles and cans need to be empty (no mystery liquids, please).

## At Home:

Make sorting a daily habit. Compost food scraps, recycle only bottles, cans, jars, jugs, paper and cardboard not used for food or drink.

Together we can protect the environment and help build a better tomorrow. Thank you for doing your part!

**REDUCE**  
**REUSE**  
**RECYCLE**  
**ROT**



## Available Tools and Resources!



### Download Recycle Coach

to your desktop or mobile phone for free in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



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### ATTEND TRASH TALK

Scan the QR code or visit [OroLoma.org/trash-talk](https://OroLoma.org/trash-talk) for more information.



### ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY CLEANUP WITH HELP FROM ORO LOMA

To request cleanup support, visit:  
[OroLoma.org/volunteer-litter-pickup](https://OroLoma.org/volunteer-litter-pickup)

## Reminders!

SB 1383 requires **EVERYONE** to sort and properly dispose of their discarded materials. It also requires jurisdictions to monitor and enforce it.

**Learn more:** [OroLoma.org/sb-1383](https://OroLoma.org/sb-1383)

SB 54 requires producers to make their packaging recyclable or compostable by 2032.

**For more information, visit:**

[calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/packaging/packaging-epr)

**HOLIDAY REMINDER: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day are the only holidays that WM does not work. Service will be delayed by one day on those days.**



**Do More with My WM:** Register or login to pay your bill, set your communication preferences, view service images, track curbside ETA, view service dates and holidays or report missed pickups. Visit [wm.com](https://wm.com) or scan the QR code to sign up.



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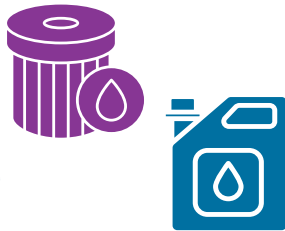
Oro Loma Sanitary District 24/7 Emergency Response: (510) 276-4700  
Waste Management: (510) 613-8710  
Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste: (800) 606-6606

### BOARD MEETINGS

Second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Visitors may attend in person or via Zoom.  
Visit [OroLoma.org](http://OroLoma.org) for Board agendas.

**TIP!**

### SAFELY DISPOSE OF AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS AND FILTERS



**Curbside:** Recycle up to two used motor oil jugs and two oil filters. Use the approved jug and filter bag. Call WM at 510-613-8710 to request a free motor oil kit.

**Hazardous Waste Facilities:** Drop off oil and filters for free at an Alameda County HHW facility or participating auto parts store.

Find more information at:  
[StopWaste.org/at-home/household-hazardous-waste](http://StopWaste.org/at-home/household-hazardous-waste).



## September 20 is National Cleanup Day®

National Cleanup Day is the largest single-day cleanup event in the U.S. Learn more and get involved: [NationalCleanUpDay.org](http://NationalCleanUpDay.org).

Planning a local cleanup?  
Request a free volunteer litter pickup kit for your group at [OroLoma.org/volunteer-litter-pickup](http://OroLoma.org/volunteer-litter-pickup). Kits include pickers, gloves, and bags.



Oro Loma Sanitary District provides wastewater collection and treatment services and residential and commercial trash, recycling, and organics collection services to its customers.

Our services **do not** include providing drinking water.



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