

INSIDE ORO LOMA



Our Bay is a Gift. Let's Treasure It.



At Oro Loma, our love for the San Francisco Bay runs deep—and it inspires everything we do. Our mission is simple: **protect our community, safeguard our environment, and keep our Bay beautiful for generations to come.** As we head into the holiday season, we're reflecting on some of the many ways Oro Loma and our community showed love for the Bay in 2025.

Plant of the Year (CWEA - California Water Environment Association):

This prestigious statewide award recognizes Oro Loma's excellent compliance record, innovative treatment processes, and leadership in environmental stewardship. It is a testament to the dedication of our staff and our commitment to protecting the Bay every single day.

Community Outreach & Events:

Whether through our monthly Trash Talk sessions, quarterly plant tours, or community events like the Cherry Festival or Earth Day celebrations, we connected with thousands of community members—listening, learning, and sharing tips to reduce contamination and protect our infrastructure.

Environmental Partnerships & Bay Resilience

Oro Loma's horizontal levee has become a model for regional efforts like the First Mile Horizontal Levee, which expands this nature-based approach to water quality, habitat restoration, and shoreline resilience.

Your Care Makes a Difference

Our customers show their love for the Bay every day—by keeping fats, oils, and grease out of the drain, never flushing wipes or other bathroom products, and sorting recycling, organics, and trash correctly.

Your actions matter. THANK YOU for doing your part to protect our Bay!



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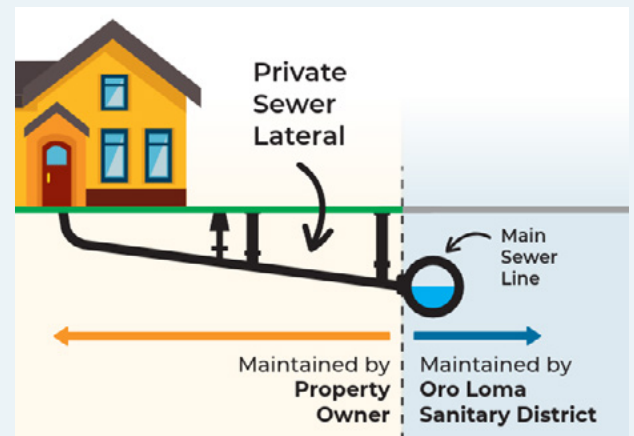
Patricia Schofield

Coming in 2026: Point-of-Sale Private Sewer Lateral Inspection Program

Oro Loma will launch a Point-of-Sale Private Sewer Lateral Inspection Program in July 2026. This new requirement will help ensure that aging or damaged sewer laterals are identified and repaired before a property changes ownership.

Private sewer laterals—small pipes that carry wastewater from homes and businesses to the District's main lines—can deteriorate over time. Cracks and breaks allow rainwater and groundwater to enter the system, which can overwhelm our wastewater treatment plant during storms. Ensuring these laterals are in good condition is one of the most effective ways to protect both our infrastructure and the San Francisco Bay.

More information and updates will be available at oroloma.org. Realtors and future home sellers are encouraged to review requirements in advance.



GFOA Award of Excellence

Financial Reporting



Oro Loma
recognized for
30th consecutive year.

Oro Loma has once again been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in financial reporting, marking an extraordinary **30 consecutive years** of receiving this prestigious award.

This milestone reflects the hard work and professionalism of our exceptional finance team, whose commitment to accuracy, transparency, and continuous improvement sets a high standard in public financial management.

The GFOA's Award for Excellence in Government Finance honors innovative practices that strengthen the integrity and accountability of government finance.

Five Ways to Love the Bay This Holiday

The holidays are a time for celebration—and a perfect opportunity to make small choices that protect our environment. Here are five simple ways to care for our sewer system, reduce waste, and support a cleaner Bay:

- 1 Wrap sustainably.** Skip plastic bags and metallic wrapping paper. Choose reusable gift bags, recycled paper, or fabric wraps you can use year after year.
- 2 Use your organics cart.** Place food scraps in the organics cart—not the trash. This reduces landfill waste and helps create nutrient-rich compost for local gardens.
- 3 Recycle right.** After unwrapping gifts, reuse what you can and recycle clean paper and cardboard. Shiny, glittery, or foil-coated wrapping paper must go in the trash.
- 4 Flush wisely.** Every flush matters, remember to flush only the 3Ps (pee, poo, and (toilet) paper)! Wipes, tissues, cotton swabs, and other products belong in the trash to protect our pipes and treatment system.
- 5 Support local cleanups.** Join community efforts to keep our creeks, parks, and shorelines clean. The East Bay Regional Park District and local cities regularly host volunteer events—visit ebparks.org/volunteer or your city's website to find upcoming opportunities.



Reminders!

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 or scan the QR code to sign up.



SB 1383 REQUIREMENTS

SB 1383 requires EVERYONE to sort and properly dispose of their discarded materials. It also requires jurisdictions to monitor and enforce it. Visit OroLoma.wm.com for more information.

HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP - January 5-16, 2026

Instructions: Remove all decorations and set tree at the curb on your service day. After January 16, 2026, put the tree in the organics cart. It must fit fully with the lid closed flat.



ASK RECYCLE COACH!

Questions about plastic recycling or what can go in the organics cart? We have answers!



WM HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no WM collections services on December 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026.

Stay Tuned: Community Events Coming in 2026

Gold for Good Community Cleanup (Earth Day 2026)

Join us for Oro Loma's **first-ever Gold for Good Community Cleanup** on Earth Day! Participants will have a chance to **win \$500** for taking part in this District-wide effort to keep our community clean.



HeART for the Bay Student Art & Video Contest

Students are invited to submit original **artwork or video projects** celebrating the Bay. Participants will be eligible to **win \$500** for their creative contributions. Details and submission guidelines will be announced soon.



Check our website and social media throughout 2026 for updates and participation details.

Oro Loma Sanitary District 24/7 Emergency Response: (510) 276-4700

Waste Management: (510) 613-8710

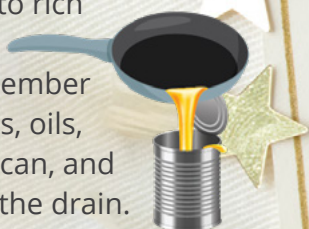
Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste: (800) 606-6606

BOARD MEETINGS

Second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Visitors may attend in person or via Zoom.
Visit OroLoma.org for Board agendas.

Pan to Can This Holiday Season

It's the season for delicious food, from fried turkey to rich gravy and warm tamales. Just remember to pour cooled fats, oils, and grease into a can, and keep them out of the drain. This simple action will help stop kitchen clogs before they start.



Holiday Kitchen Checklist

- ☒ Wipe greasy pans with a paper towel before washing to keep fats, oils, and grease residue from going down the drain.
- ☒ Use low-grease cooking methods — like baking or air-frying — to reduce leftover fats.
- ☒ Scrape plates, bowls, and cookware into the compost or trash before rinsing.
- ☒ Use a sink strainer to catch food scraps that may contain grease.



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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