



MVSD Manholes Aren't For Dumping!



MVSD was recently made aware of a commercial sewer and drain service truck illegally dumping into one of the District's manholes. EEEK! This activity violates District Code and can lead to sanitary sewer overflows, and introduce pollutants and foreign objects that will pass through the wastewater treatment system, inadequately treated. This is bad for the environment and any increased treatment can trigger additional expense to District

ratepayers. You can help us prevent these issues by alerting us to illegal dumping by calling our sewer emergency line at (925) 228-5635. This line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you see someone dumping anything into a manhole, please contact us!

The District does allow waste haulers to discharge into our system, but MVSD Code requires these haulers to apply for and obtain a special Waste Hauler permit. This permit is only issued for the disposal of domestic sewage from holding tanks or septic tanks and must be free of added chemicals. The waste hauler must have a valid Contra Costa County Department of Public Health permit and present it for filing with the District. For more information about this type of permit contact (925) 228-5635 or visit <http://cchealth.org/eh/solid-waste/>.

WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 1
10:00 am - Noon

Earthworms can "recycle" your fruit and vegetable scraps into extremely rich compost called "worm casts." Using a specialized variety of worm and a simple "worm box", you can do your part to reduce waste and make compost at the same time. Whether you live in a house with a yard or in an apartment, condominium or townhouse, you can use a worm box to "recycle" your food scraps into a valuable resource.

At no time should a member of the public lift a manhole lid. It is dangerous because it can release toxic gasses and a person can fall in. To prevent sanitary sewer overflows, the District carefully monitors what goes into the collection system at all times. This is one more way we are working to protect the environment and our ratepayers.

MVSD and the CCC Partner to Improve Visitor Amenities in Moorhen Marsh While Protecting Rate Payers

On October 3, the California Conservation Corps (CCC) started constructing the new boardwalk and viewing platform in Moorhen Marsh. The boardwalk and platform are key components in enhancing the visitor experience in Moorhen Marsh by improving access to the 21-acre constructed wetland. This CCC project is part of the Moorhen Marsh Western Pond Turtle Habitat Enhancement Project (Enhancement Project) that began in spring 2017 and is scheduled for substantial completion next month.

MVSD contracted with the CCC twice before and found the organization to provide both high quality and cost-effective service. Two crews of approximately 15 men and women, aged 18-25, will alternate 8-day work spikes to complete the project by November 28. To reduce costs further while also providing a better experience for the crews, MVSD set up a camping area on

site to eliminate the daily commute to and from the CCC's Delta Center in Stockton, significantly expanding the number of hours the crew is available for the project without increasing costs to rate payers.

The CCC is the oldest and largest conservation corps in the nation and has established itself as a leader and innovator in the global conservation corps movement. Its mission is to protect and enhance California's natural resources and communities while empowering and developing young adults through hard work and education.

To learn more about the CCC, please visit: <https://ccc.ca.gov>. To learn more about the Enhancement Project, check out the District's Web site at: <https://mvsd.org/wetlands/the-moorhen-marsh-western-pond-turtle-enhancement-project/>



The CCC begins construction on the boardwalk - October 3, 2018.



The CCC makes progress on the boardwalk - October 11, 2018.

Winter Weather Is Coming - It Is Time To Clean Your Gutters and Drains!



Winter is just around the corner and that means it is time to check your gutters, downspouts, and outdoor drains for any needed cleaning and repairs. These seasonal activities can protect your property, as well as the District's sewer system, by preventing debris like twigs and leaves from clogging gutters and downspouts and potentially flowing into your building's sewer. Downspouts are sometimes tied directly into building sewer pipes, especially in older neighborhoods. The District Code prohibits this kind of connection. The rain water

drains directly from roofs into the sanitary sewer system through these connectors. These downspout connections can allow water from rain storms to exceed the capacity of the sewer pipes, which can lead to overflows because sanitary sewer systems are not designed for excess flow and heavy rain events. Customers in older neighborhoods with downspouts connected to their home's sewer system should disconnect their downspouts to prevent excess rain water from entering the sewer system.



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Remember when it's time to enjoy your Thanksgiving feast – turkey drippings **SHOULD NOT** go down the drain!

An Ounce of Prevention is Still Worth a Pound of Cure

Looking for ways to prevent clogged pipes? Why not start in the kitchen? That's where fats, oil and grease (FOG) can become problems when not disposed of properly. It only takes a minute to wipe greasy plates or pans with a paper towel before washing. If you've got a lot of oil or grease, pour it into a disposable container once it is safe to handle, and place it in the trash. Cold weather will harden FOG and block sewer pipes, causing dangerous backups and costly repairs. Take time to properly dispose of FOG and avoid nasty clogs!



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For a sewer emergency 24/7:
Call (925)228-5635



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