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**Sewer block or overflow?
Call us first at 644-8949**

ONLINE BILL PAY IS HERE!

Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District is pleased to offer online bill payment from our website to customers who wish to pay by credit card. Paying bills online is fast, secure and convenient. It saves time and reduces your chance of late charges. And best of all, it's free!

How does it work?

Paying your bills online is simple. You get your bill and pay it online using your credit card. From our website at www.vsfcd.com, click on the link for Online Bill Pay, enter your account number and password, and navigate through the screens using the easy-to-use menus.

Online bill pay offers added flexibility by increasing your bill payment options. You can

pay your bill in the morning, in the evening, from home, from work – whenever and wherever it is convenient.

Online bill pay improves service to customers:

- Providing online access to pay bills wherever you want – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- You can view account activity and payment history, including pending payments.
- Reducing the chances for late fees and interest charges when paying close to due dates.



- It offers peace of mind with VeriSign® data encryption technology for secure transactions.

Is there a fee for using Online Bill Pay? No.

Online bill paying is free. For additional info, see the FAQ page on our website at www.vsfcd.com.



District employee Don White maneuvers an airboat around White Slough, dislodging algae so outgoing tides carry it away. This should result in reduced odors around the slough this year.

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VALLEJO WATERSHED ALLIANCE



This bike path runs more than a mile from Hann’s Memorial Park along Blue Rock Springs Creek. It is a popular spot for families with strollers, dog walkers and hikers. Vallejo Watershed Alliance plans for interpretive signage and improved native vegetation along the path.

One of the most frequently asked questions after Coastal Cleanup Day is, “Why don’t we do this more often? Are there any other events or cleanups we can help with during the year?”

The answer is, “Yes!”

The Vallejo Watershed Alliance is a community-based group working together to improve the greater Vallejo watershed, which encompasses the City of Vallejo and nearby unincorporated areas of Solano County. The Alliance is made up of interested residents, local groups and agencies including

representatives from the Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, the California Native Plant Society and others. Their mission is to raise awareness, create local partnerships and promote sustainable management of Vallejo’s watersheds.

Over time, the Alliance plans to develop a long-term watershed management plan to enhance water quality, recreation and wildlife habitat at White Slough, Lake Chabot, and along the Blue Rock Springs Corridor.

The Alliance would also like to develop its website to act as an information clearinghouse for the important work being done by other groups around Vallejo, American Canyon and Benicia, and to offer volunteers opportunities to participate in meaningful projects.

Upcoming Events

This fall, the Alliance will turn its attention towards improving the Blue Rock Springs Corridor. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend; wear protective clothing, a hat and sunscreen.

Saturday, October 14 at 9 AM: Meet at Hann’s Memorial Park to remove invasive weeds and prepare ground for replanting.

Saturday, November 4 at 9 AM: Meet at Hann’s Memorial Park to replant native vegetation.

Visit the website at www.vallejowatershedalliance.org or call 644-8949 ext. 292.

FREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOURS

Every year, hundreds of schoolchildren visit the District to learn how to protect the Bay by preventing water pollution.

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District offers free field trips to our wastewater treatment plant to students

in grades 4 and 5. We cover the cost of the bus that brings the students to the plant, and to an optional visit at VALCORE Recycling nearby.

The tours run on Tuesday mornings

starting at 9:30. Prior to the tour, we provide teachers with videos and classroom projects to help prepare students for their visit.

For more information, contact Jennifer Kaiser at 644-8949 ext. 292.



Tip of the Season

Fall leaves are beautiful, but can create problems if not disposed of properly. Sometimes flooding occurs during the first rains of the year because trash, leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste accumulate in Vallejo’s storm drains. Flooding can cause property damage. You can reduce the chance of floods caused by yard waste:

- *Have your yard waste picked up every other week by Vallejo Garbage Service, or you can drop it off at their facility for no extra charge.*
- *Start a compost pile in your backyard. This will make your plants stronger, healthier, and require less water.*
- *Use a mulching blade to cut your lawn, which eliminates the need for raking and disposing of grass cuttings.*



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