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

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CURRENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OR, EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT PIPE BURSTING BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

This fall, Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District will start a number of improvement projects designed to reduce sewer problems in several neighborhoods around Vallejo.

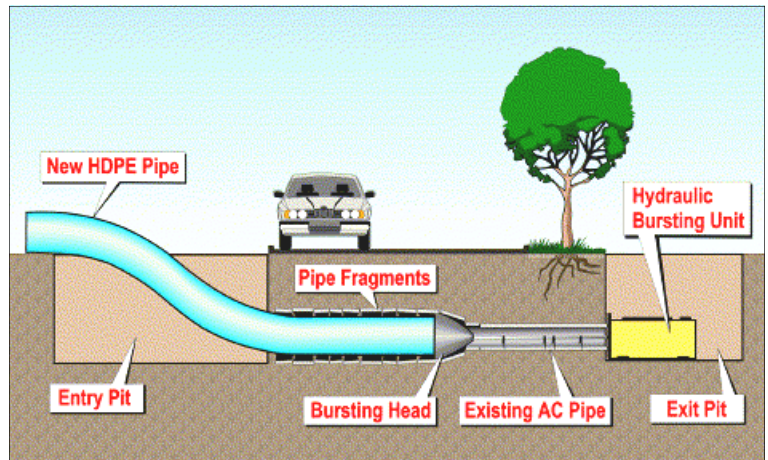
Work will take place on Gary Circle, Raines Court, Plov Way, Manzanita Drive, Springs Road, and the east shore of Lake Dalwygk.

Over time, old sewer pipes develop problems from tree roots, cracks, grease, groundwater infiltration, and more.

The District will be upgrading existing sewer lines in the areas noted above by a process called "pipe bursting."

Pipe bursting is a method of replacing old pipe with a new pipe of the same or larger diameter. It is achieved by running a cable through an old pipe, then pulling the pipe bursting tool through the pipe.

At the same time, a new 8" high density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe is being pulled through, right where the



old one was. The bursting head breaks up the old 6" clay pipe and pulls the new plastic pipe behind it, bringing it up to current standards.

This is the ideal way to replace pipelines in populated areas, because it reduces the need to dig a trench in yards or jackhammer a sidewalk.

Sewer lines will also be upgraded at Vallejo Middle School. Pacific Trenchless is the contractor for the jobs listed above.

Hess Construction will be improving storm drains at Magazine and Pine Streets, and relocating a drain at Broadway and Louisiana which is currently in the way of a sanitary sewer.

So when you're driving around Vallejo this fall and you see the trucks at work, give them an appreciative wave ... now you know what they're doing!

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PICK UP LEAVES, PREVENT FLOODING

Fall leaves are beautiful, but 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.

Trash and yard waste block the flow of rain to the storm drains, where it flows untreated to the Bay. Many people understand that used motor oil and trash are harmful to wildlife, but may not know that even yard waste creates a toxic substance as it decays. What seems part of the natural world, like leaves, does not naturally occur in the Bay and can be harmful to marine life.

Here's what residents can do to help:

Yard Waste Disposal: Yard waste is collected every week by Vallejo Garbage Service. Yard waste is taken to a compost facility and is

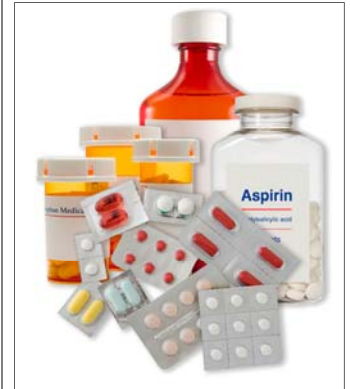
converted to an all-natural fertilizer. Residents can no longer drop yard waste at Vallejo Garbage Service, but they can have up to two yard waste carts at their home. Call Vallejo Garbage Service at 552-3110 for more info.

Start a compost pile in your backyard. Composting is nature's way of recycling plant material into a slow release fertilizer and soil enhancer. Soils enhanced with compost require less water and produce healthier

plants. Visit www.Recycle-Guide.com for info on composting classes.

Use a mulching blade to cut your lawn. Mulching your lawn eliminates the need to rake and dispose of lawn clippings and promotes a healthy lawn. Mulched lawns require less water and fertilizer, and are more resistant to disease and adverse weather conditions.

You can find out more about composting and mulching from VALCORE Recycling at 55-EARTH.



Tip of the Season

Old pills piling up? No drugs down the drain, please! Unused medicine that is flushed or put down the drain can end up in our waterways and pollutes the environment. You can make a difference by disposing of your unused drugs properly.

Instead of flushing drugs down the drain or toilet, visit

NoDrugsDownTheDrain.org

for free local disposal options.

The No Drugs Down the Drain campaign is a collaborative effort between the U.S. EPA, the California Assn. Of Sanitation Agencies and its agency members, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

DISTRICT WINS SILVER

We know it isn't the Olympics ... but hey, we're still proud!

Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District has been selected to receive a Silver Peak Performance Award. The program, presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their outstanding compliance records in the 2007 calendar year.

"The Vallejo Sanitation



& Flood Control District is an outstanding example of environmental efforts. NACWA is honored to showcase the achievements of the District and our nation's public wastewater utilities through the Peak Performance Awards

Program," said Ken Kirk, NACWA's executive director.

For more information on the District's water quality efforts, contact Jennifer Kaiser at (707) 644-8949 ext. 292 or visit us at www.VSFCD.com.



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