SEWER SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable sewer service to the communities we serve. CVWD began wastewater collection and treatment services in 1968, when it acquired the Palm Desert Country Club’s water and sewer systems. Providing sewer service also requires trained employees to keep sewer systems working properly.

SERVICE & OPERATION INFORMATION

- Population served — 236,965
- Active accounts — 94,937
- Average daily flow — 16,669 million gallons per day
- Treated wastewater per year — 6.3 billion gallons. The District also has the capacity to increase its wastewater treatment as the Coachella Valley’s population grows
- Recycled water per year— 3 billion gallons (about 75%) of collected wastewater is recycled for irrigation on golf courses and other landscapes.

SYSTEM INFORMATION

- Wastewater reclamation plants — 5
- Total daily plant capacity — 33.1 million gallons per day
- Wastewater collection pipeline system — 1,160 miles
- Lift stations — 27 lift stations collect and transport wastewater to the nearest wastewater reclamation facility.

SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

- 232 miles of sewer lines are cleaned every year
- 3,500 manholes are inspected every year
- 69.5 miles of sewer lines are assessed by video per year to prevent leaks and spills.

HELP KEEP SEWER SYSTEMS FLOWING

Disposing of trash, chemicals or other items directly into a sewer line is against the law and can cause expensive damage.

Do not flush or put the following items down the drain:

- Fats, oils and grease. Scrape into the trash instead.
- “Flushable” wipes, cotton pads and swabs, facial tissues, or other personal hygiene items go in the trash. Wipes of any kind are not flushable despite packaging.
- Paper towels, eggshells, coffee grounds go in the trash.
- Hazardous waste such as household chemicals, cleaning paint, cement, stucco, or pool grout should be disposed of at a household waste collection site.
- Medications should be disposed in a sealed container or at a household waste collection site.

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