



OCSD's Response to the Pandemic

During these unprecedented times, we wanted to keep you, our stakeholders abreast of the situation with COVID-19 and the Orange County Sanitation District's (OCSD) response. As it has been for over 65 years, it is our mission to protect public health and the environment. We want to assure you that we understand the responsibility of providing this essential service.

OCSD activated the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) on March 16 to monitor the situation and make decisions pertaining to operations and future planning during this pandemic. With the situation changing each and every day, it has been our goal from the very beginning to focus on: the safety and health of our employees and the public, maintaining regulatory compliance, and ensuring compliance with federal/state/county COVID-19 guidance and requirements.

As part of our pandemic planning, we have reduced our onsite staff significantly with the use of telecommuting. Approximately half of our employees remain onsite and are performing critical on-site job functions with the majority of staff working in our laboratory, our treatment plants, and the collection system.

The pandemic has generated a shortage of toilet paper, which has led many of our community members reaching for alternatives to toilet paper. As we all know to well, the only things that should go down the toilet are the Three P's (you guessed it: pee, poop and toilet paper).

Wipes are not meant to be flushed (even if they are labeled flushable). To combat this problem and to help educate our community members we have launched a social media campaign that brings humor to this very serious problem. To learn more about What2Flush follow us on social media at OCSEwers or visit our website at www.ocsd.com. Here you will also learn about our response to COVID-19 as well as other useful tips.

These are difficult times, but together we will get through it. We appreciate all of our partners and fellow agencies and wish everyone well.

OCSD is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County. OCSD is a special district that is governed by a 25 member Board of Directors comprised of 20 cities, four special districts, and one representative from the Orange County Board of Supervisors. OCSD operates a large regional sewer system and two treatment facilities that collect, treat and recycle wastewater from residential, commercial and industrial sources.

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