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Quality still counts inside and out!



Our annual summary insert for our "Quality counts inside and out" brochure is ready for you to check out!

Highlights include the ups and downs of clean water, drivers honor roll, and where does it all go.

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A bounty of biosolids benefits

During our latest site inspection we found a great example of a field growing Sudan grass "with and without biosolids."

Because there is a ring of 250 feet where biosolids cannot be applied in order to protect the quality of the agricultural well, the grass grown without biosolids is lighter in color and shorter. Biosolids benefits are clearly demonstrated here as growing darker, taller, healthier plants.

Biosolids also add organic matter to the soil thereby building healthy soils and transforming these desert lands to rich farmlands for animal fodder crops.



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Proud OCSD employee since 1989.

View our most recent photos in our [photo gallery](#).

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Hoot and Holler for International Compost Awareness Week!



We celebrated the beauty of compost when working in our gardens last week. Composting naturally breaks down scraps to make a wonderful, sustainable food for your plants.

The Orange County Sanitation District is a member of the US Composting Council who sponsors the annual compost awareness campaign. Their [website](#) has more information on compost and local events.

Approximately 40% of Orange County Sanitation's biosolids are composted with wood chips, mostly in Kern County California. The

composted biosolids are safe to use in home gardens, but are currently used mostly at Central Valley farms.

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Congratulations to our Plant 1 operator Ddaze Phoung. He recently won first place in all three photography categories at the CWEA conference.

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