

City Beat

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CITY EXPANDS YARD WASTE PROGRAM!

Did you know that approximately one-third of all household waste is organic and can be recycled into compost? The city of Modesto has expanded its yard waste recycling program to include organic household waste!

The following materials are now acceptable in the green yard waste bin:

- **Yard waste** - grass, leaves, plant clippings
- **Food waste** - including meat and bones
- **Paper products** - newspaper, junk mail, magazines, computer paper, phone books and paper bags
- **Cardboard and chipboard boxes**

All the material will be composted into a rich soil amendment at Modesto's Compost Facility.

Please **DO NOT** place the following in the green yard waste bin:

- Plastic bags
- Paper bags with plastic lining
- Plastic or cloth sheeting
- Scrap lumber or wood products
- Dirt or rocks

Do not overfill cans, lids must be completely closed.

Residents still have the option of putting paper products and cardboard into blue bags and into the black garbage cans for recycling.

Following these guidelines will help increase recycling and keep program costs low in Modesto. For more information, please call the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5494.

SECOND CHANCE WEEK

October 19-25, 2008



Second Chance Week is a national public awareness campaign held each October to promote the reuse of old items through "Reuse, Repair, Resale and Donation." This year, the city of Modesto will collect gently used coats and jackets for families. Donated items will be distributed to various local agencies to help prepare families in need for the cold winter months.

Please consider giving your gently used coats a second chance by donating them during this special collection event. Collection bins will be available at the following locations throughout Second Chance Week:

- Tenth Street Place – 1010 10th St. (lobby)
- Modesto Fire Stations:
 - 1: 610 11th Street
 - 2: 420 Chicago Street
 - 3: 635 El Vista Avenue
 - 4: 1505 Blue Gum Avenue
 - 5: 200 W. Briggsmore Avenue
 - 6: 2700 Standiford Avenue
 - 7: 1800 Mable Avenue
 - 9: 4025 Fara Biundo Drive
 - 10: 148 Imperial Avenue
 - 11: 4225 Carver Road

Remember - REUSE is the best form of recycling!



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For more information, please call the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5495.

* Due to the cyclic nature of mailing the City Beat with the water/sewer/garbage bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.

THE ABC'S OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Portable fire extinguishers are tools that can *save lives* and property by controlling and extinguishing small fires before they get out of control. Yet many people are not prepared for an accidental fire in their home. Having the right type of fire extinguisher and knowing when and how to use it can safeguard your household.

There are different types of fires and different types of fire extinguishers. Selecting the proper extinguisher is as simple as **A-B-C**. "**A**" stands for wood, paper, cloth and other ordinary combustibles. "**B**" is for oil, grease and other flammable liquids. "**C**" is for energized electrical equipment. The types of fires on which a fire extinguisher will be effective is marked by these letters and some numbers on the label or nameplate. The numbers preceding these letters indicate the size of fire on which it is effective. For a home, it is a good idea to buy an **2A:10B:C** (multi-purpose) fire extinguisher.

A fire extinguisher should be used when a fire is confined to a small area, everyone has exited the building, the fire department has been or is being called and the room is not filled with smoke. To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:

- P** – Pull the pin located in the handle (you will not be able to squeeze the handle with the pin in).
- A** – Aim. Point the nozzle of the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- S** – Squeeze. Hold the nozzle and squeeze the handle lever slowly and evenly.
- S** – Sweep the nozzle side-to-side as you discharge the extinguisher.

For more information, contact the Modesto Fire Department at (209) 571-5553.

Tracie Dutter
Modesto Fire Inspector


ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!



Please Keep Our Water Clean!
NEVER POUR USED OIL, PAINT, GASOLINE OR CHEMICALS DOWN STORM DRAINS!

Report Pollution: (209) 577-6200
Recycle Used Oil & Filters: (209) 577-5493

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CRIME STOPPERS
MODESTO AREA

Modesto Police * Turlock Police * Ceres Police * CHP
Oakdale Police * Stanislaus Sheriff * Newman Police

(209) 521-4636 or
(209) 521-(INFO)

Text a tip on a wanted person to: "TIP704 (plus your message)" to CRIMES (274637).

Visit our website @
www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers
to view wanted persons in your area.

ALL CALLERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND
CAN BE ELIGIBLE FOR CASH REWARDS.

Year-round watering schedule for city of Modesto customers.

For more information or to report water waste, call **209.342.4580**

EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES END IN 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES END IN 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
IF YOUR ADDRESS IS...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
MIDNIGHT TO NOON	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
NOON – 7:00 PM			DO NOT WATER				
7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER