



City Beat

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Help! How do I recycle my old phone book?

Never fear we have the 411 on how to recycle your phone books!

MODESTO

Residents: Place in green yardwaste container

Businesses: Free recycling container available 11th Street between J & K Streets

RIVERBANK • OAKDALE

Residents: Place in green waste container

CERES • HUGHSON • NEWMAN • PATTERSON TURLOCK • WATERFORD

Residents: Place in recycling containers

ALL OTHER COMMUNITIES OR RECYCLING OPTIONS

Residents: Place in regular recycling for collection

Gilton Resource Recovery: 800 S. McClure Road
Oakdale Recycling: 1477 S. Yosemite Avenue
Turlock Recycling: 1020 S. Walnut Avenue
Salida Library: 4835 Sisk Road

Questions?

Modesto - (209) 577-5495 • Other Areas - (209) 525-6700

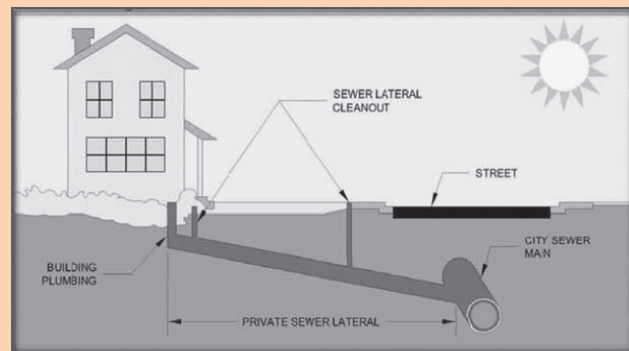
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PLUMBING PROBLEM? CALL THE CITY OF MODESTO FIRST!

When experiencing a plumbing problem, the City urges all residents to call (209) 577-6200 BEFORE they call a plumber. By calling the City first we can assist at no charge in determining the location of the problem, possibly saving you the cost of a plumbing contractor service call. Also, notify the City if you see water bubbling, flowing or standing on the street.



There are two common causes for blockages: grease and rags. While restaurants are required to own and maintain grease interceptors to keep grease from entering the sewer system, your home is not equipped with a trap. Even when followed by hot water, grease poured down the sink can cause a blockage; because as the water and grease cool, the grease coats the pipes and will eventually cause a blockage. By properly disposing of grease, you can help keep the sewer system working properly. The City of Modesto Wastewater Division thanks you for your assistance.

** IMPORTANT INFORMATION ** HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Garbage collection will run 1 day late for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 28. Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday and Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday this week.

Leaf Season Will Soon Be Upon Us...

During the month of December, the City of Modesto Green Waste Crews will only collect and remove leaves. No pruned refuse will be collected during this time. Leaves will be collected from the street only. Please do not place prunings in the street or alleys again until after January 1st. Piles of leaves with pruned refuse mixed in will not be collected. For more information regarding the leaf removal program call the Green Waste Division at (209) 577-5463 or visit our website: www.modestogov.com/prnd/trees/greed_waste.asp

**CITY OF MODESTO'S
COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING PROGRAM**

COMPOSTING IS EASY!

It is rarely a space problem and may save businesses money.

HOW DOES COMPOSTING SAVE MONEY?

Business participating in the composting program get a 25% discount off the standard garbage rate for their compostables.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Any business that generates compostable materials can participate:

- We provide free green, leak-proof containers for use in the restaurant
- It's a 2-bin/container system
 - one for compostable material
 - one for remaining garbage
- Service ranges from 2-4 days a week
- We provide easy-to-follow training

HOW DOES IT HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT?

By sending organic materials to be composted into a nutrient-rich soil, it helps reduce the need for more landfill space.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FOOD WASTE?

All contents of the food waste bins will be taken to the City of Modesto's Compost Facility on Jennings Road. There, the organic material will be composted, then available for sale to the general public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COMPOSTING

Vicki Rice • City of Modesto • Recycling Program Coordinator



PHONE (209) 577-5495

Water Conservation Tips for the Fall

1. Reduce your sprinkler run times – As the weather cools, lawns and plants use less water. And when it's raining, they don't need to be watered at all. Reduce your sprinkler timer to 25% - 30% of normal and remember to turn it off when it's raining.

2. Check for leaks in and around your home – Paying for water you are not using can be costly. According to the EPA, 10% of homes have water leaks of 90 gallons or more per day. Find and fix the leaks today! One way to determine if you have a leak is to read your water meter before and after a two hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you have a leak.

3. Take advantage of the City's Rebate Programs – Receive a rebate for purchasing a high efficiency toilet or washer machine. Non-efficient toilets and washer machines account for nearly 50% of your indoor water use. Reduce your water use, save money, and receive a rebate! For complete guidelines, please go to the water conservation website at: (<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/water/conservation>)

4. Educate the family – Hold a household meeting to remind the family to:

- Keep showers to 10 minutes (have a shower timer handy)
- Run the dishwasher and washing machine with full loads only
- Fill the sink when hand washing dishes – don't let water run
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket

Mo-Gro Pro

Contents: Composted Yard Waste, Paper and Food Waste

Quality Organic Compost
1 cu. ft. bags - \$3.25 (tax inc)
Bulk sales- call for pricing

Senior Citizens Center
Bag purchase available March 18 - November 15
211 Bodem St.
Mon, Wed, Fri - 8am to noon
and
Tue, Thu - 9am - 1pm

Modesto's Compost Facility
Bag or bulk purchase available all year round
7001 Jennings Rd.
571-5144
Mon thru Fri 8am-3:30pm



Friday, November 15
11 am - 4 pm

Regal Cinemas
3969 McHenry Ave.



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