

City Beat

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The City Takes Steps To Reduce Sanitary Sewer Overflows

Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) happen when untreated sewer overflows from manholes and into the streets. Common causes of SSOs are grease build-up, tree roots, broken or cracked pipes, and debris.

In order to reduce and prevent SSOs, the City of Modesto has installed 12 SmartCover® systems at various sites throughout the City. The SmartCover® systems are a sewer monitoring and alarm system that helps prevent sewer overflows, illegal dumping, and vandalism. The system provides continuous, real-time monitoring of critical locations and sends alarms upon intrusion or sewer line blockage.

Since the installation of 12 systems in late August, the City has been alerted to four (4) blockages that could have resulted in SSOs. Responding to these alerts allows the City to avoid sewer discharges into waterways and health, safety and environmental issues they create. Over the next six months, the City plans to install 12 additional SmartCover® systems at environmentally sensitive sites throughout Modesto. For further information, please call the Water Quality Control Division at (209) 577-6200.

Halloween Safety Tips from the Modesto Police Department

1. Trick-or-treaters should wear reflective clothing on Halloween night.
2. Be sure to cross the street cautiously at the corners of intersections.
3. Motorists, please use extra caution during this time.
4. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger trick-or-treaters.

The City of Modesto Offers Discount on Utility Bills for Low-Income Seniors and the Permanently Disabled

The City of Modesto offers a discount program for low-income seniors and the permanently disabled. Residents who have a total annual household income less than \$22,400 and are either 60 years of age or older or permanently disabled may qualify for a monthly discount of 25% on their City of Modesto Utility Bill.

Applications for this program are available in our downtown Modesto office at:

- 1010 10th Street, Suite 2100
Modesto, CA 95353

or on our website at:

- www.modestogov.com/fin/csd/

Please contact our Customer Services Division with any questions regarding this program at (209) 577-5395.

All applications and required documentation must be submitted to:

- The Central Valley Opportunity Center
1581 Cummins Drive, Suite 100
Modesto, CA 95358

To get information about the documentation needed to apply, you may also contact the Central Valley Opportunity Center at (209) 577-3210.



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****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****
HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION
SCHEDULE

Garbage collection will run one day late due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 26. If your collection day is Thursday or Friday, garbage collection will run one day late. Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday and Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday. No other routes will be affected.

America Recycles Day!

America Recycles Day is a nationwide event celebrated each November to promote the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling and buying products made from recycled materials.

The City of Modesto will once again partner with The Home Depot at 1617 North Carpenter Road to celebrate America Recycles Day on Friday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop by the City of Modesto's America Recycles Day booth to see The Home Depot's display of items made from recycled materials. A representative from The Home Depot's building materials department will be available to answer questions about these products.

Please join us for a fun and informative day. Remember to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Buy Recycled!

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City of Modesto City Hall, located at 1010 Tenth Street, will be closed due to the holidays and work furloughs:

December 24, 2009 through January 3, 2010

For assistance with your utility services, Customer Service Representatives will be available by phone Monday, December 28, 2009 through Wednesday, December 30, 2009, from 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Utility payments can be made by phone or online
24 hours a day - 7 days a week



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For information on all City Hall holiday closures visit us online at:
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Annual Telephone Book Recycling Event

With new telephone books being delivered this month, residents may be left wondering what to do with their outdated ones.

Not to worry. Residents may place their old telephone books in their green yard waste can or participate in the City's month-long telephone book recycling event Thursday, October 15, through Sunday, November 15. This service is available to residents and businesses alike.

Collection bins will be placed at two locations for the convenience of the community.

- 11th St, between J & K Streets, near the parking garage entrance.
- McHenry Village, in rear, on the Briggsmore Avenue side.

For more information, call the City of Modesto Solid Waste office at (209) 577-5494.

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