



MODESTO
CALIFORNIA

www.modestogov.com
(209) 577-5200 • TDD (209) 526-9211

CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

SEPT 2015

FREE! BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS

{for Modesto Residents Only}

Sat., Sept. 12, 2015

10 am - 12 pm

at Modesto Junior College
Community Education

To register,

Call 575-6063



From Garbage to Garden

SAVE \$5.00

on the purchase of a
City of Modesto compost bin
when you complete the class!
Quantities Limited



Residential Turf Replacement Program

The City of Modesto is offering rebates to our residential water customers who replace their grass with drip-irrigated low-water-use plants, permeable hardscape, or polyethylene/nylon artificial turf products. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The City reserves the right to terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

Rebate Offer

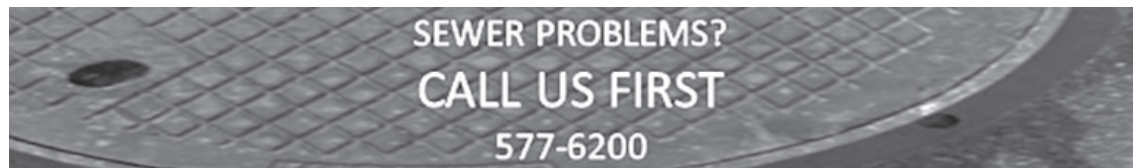
The City is offering \$0.50 per square foot of turf removed, per site, with a maximum of \$500 per single-family residence (equivalent to 1,000 square feet converted area). Offer is limited to one rebate per City of Modesto water account.

Customers may remove more turf area than is covered by the rebate program, but the per site maximum rebate amount will still apply.

Important: Do not remove your lawn until you receive a Notice to Proceed. Lawns already removed at the time of pre-inspection are not eligible for rebate.

For complete details, please visit our website at:
www.modestogov.com/savewater

Thank you for doing your part to conserve water!



SEWER PROBLEMS?

CALL US FIRST

577-6200

City of Modesto UTILITY BILLING



INTERACTIVE VOICE SYSTEM

Automated Payment Extensions

IVR System also offering: Balance Information, Payment History and more

(209) 577-5395, Option 4 | Available 24/7

The City of Modesto offers a "self-serve" payment extension feature supporting calls requesting additional time to pay on delinquent accounts. The new feature will allow customers to request their own 7 day extension on a Disconnect Notice. By calling the Interactive Voice Response system directly, customers will avoid the wait time to speak with a representative and receive an instant approval or denial of the extension request.

Move those cans...

Per City of Modesto Municipal Code, where service occurs in the street in front of your home, garbage containers may be placed out only 24 hours prior to and after the service day. Garbage cans must be placed in the street on the asphalt next to the curb or on the edge of the driveway apron. Do not block sidewalks. Pedestrians, handicapped residents, and people with strollers have the right-of-way on sidewalks, so it is important to keep sidewalks clear. Help make our community a safer place for everyone by placing your garbage cans in the street.

This does not apply to residents with alley service. If you have questions about can placement, please call the City of Modesto, Solid Waste Office at 577-5493.



WIPES CLOG PIPES!

Many personal hygiene wipes, baby wipes, and cleaning products are marketed as being "flushable." Despite the confusing and misleading labels, you should never flush "flushable" or "disposable" products. These products do not break down as they move through the sewer system and may cause blockages in your home sewer lines, resulting in sewer backup in your home. They can also cause blockages in the City's sewer pipes and pumps, causing sewer overflows, costly cleanup and repairs, and extensive environmental damage.

Remember, the only things that should be flushed are human waste and toilet paper. Do not flush items such as disinfecting wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, towelettes, or mop refills. These items should be placed in the trash.

Please contact the City of Modesto Environmental Compliance Section at 577-6200 with any questions.



Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
IF YOUR ADDRESS IS...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	DO NOT WATER	DO NOT WATER	EVEN
MIDNIGHT – 9:00 AM	WATER		WATER	WATER			WATER
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM			DO NOT WATER			DO NOT WATER	
7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER		

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

For more information or to report water waste, call (209) 342-2246.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>



The City of Modesto's Newly Expanded Curbside Used Motor Oil and Filter Collection Program

Are you a do-it-yourself kind of person? If you change your own motor oil then the City of Modesto has 4 Easy Steps to help you dispose of the oil and now the filter too!

1. Call your garbage company and schedule a collection appointment.
Bertolotti Disposal 537-8000 or Gilton Solid Waste 527-3781
2. Pour the oil into a plastic container with a screw-top lid.
3. Drain the oil filter into the plastic container and place the filter in a plastic zipper bag*.
4. On your appointment day, place oil and filter out no later than 6am SET THEM ON THE DRIVEWAY, NEAR THE HOUSE AND NOT AT THE CURB. Limit 4 gallons and 3 oil filters per week.

Do NOT mix your oil with any other substance such as antifreeze. Oil cannot be recycled if it is mixed with other substances.

*The City of Modesto has a limited supply of used oil recycling kits available to Modesto Residents.

For more information, call the Recycle Used Oil Hotline at (209) 577-5493.



Funded by a grant from CalRecycle



JOIN THE ECO-FRIENDLY REVOLUTION

Recycle your plastics, cans & glass bottles



Let us bring a recycling trailer to YOUR next event in Modesto

It's free!
and everyone can do it



For more information on event recycling call
Vicki Rice | City of Modesto | Recycling Program Coordinator
(209) 577-5495

City of Modesto Waste Tire Recycling Events

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- City of Modesto residents only
- No businesses
- Tires with and without rims - OK
- Car, Truck & Motorcycle Tires - OK
- Up to 9 tires accepted at no charge
- No Commercial or Tractor Tires

WHAT TO DO:

- Call City of Modesto and request a Coupon: (209) 577-5494
- Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781
- Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Take Tires to Garbage Company
- Do not mix tires with other waste

FREE DISPOSAL ON DATES LISTED BELOW

August 1-31 • October 1-31 • December 1-31

(Closed Dec. 25)

Funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Questions?
Call (209) 577-5494



Dear Neighbor,

Our #1 challenge is Safer Neighborhoods. Modesto's crime rates, economic struggles, homelessness and vagrancy are issues with no simple answers that must be addressed now as well as strategically over time.

People are coming together to work on these issues and many efforts are underway. One of them is the City Council's Safer Neighborhoods Initiative. Behind the scenes, there are scores of community minded people working to improve the quality of life for residents. Innovative strategies are emerging to meet our challenges with viable solutions.

Since the 2008 great recession, Modesto has cut 25% of its police officers, which makes crime prevention and community policing difficult at best. We rank in the top 5 cities for violent crime and property crime in California. Our officers are spread thin and the statistics clearly illustrate that truth. However, we are taking steps to provide the help needed to create the safer neighborhoods residents want.

Many of our parks and neighborhoods have become places where vagrants have created an "un-family friendly" culture, taking up residence and even engaging in illegal activity. This represents yet another challenge for us all. Our in-house Homeless Task Force is working in partnership with other agencies to identify and implement solutions. We are also looking at the challenge from a holistic perspective to deal with some of the core issues that lead to homelessness and vagrancy. On October 1st, the Focus on Prevention Initiative will convene for the purpose of bringing the community together to develop strategies for reducing and preventing homelessness.

In November, citizens of Modesto will have the opportunity to vote on Measure G, a half cent (0.5%) sales tax placed on the ballot to address community priorities. If passed, Measure G would provide about \$14 million annually to support the Safer Neighborhoods Initiative, which would help restore critical City Services, such as crime and fire prevention, public safety resources deployment, growing neighborhood leadership capacity, positive youth activities, homelessness and tagging prevention. Because Measure G is a general tax, revenue could be used for any legitimate public purpose. However, City Council has made it clear the revenues would be used to create safer neighborhoods and restore critical City services that were cut due to the economic downturn, including police patrols and emergency services, gang suppression efforts, and nuisance property abatement.

For more information on Measure G and the Safer Neighborhoods Initiative, visit modestogov.com.

Jim Holgersson

Jim Holgersson
Modesto City Manager



WHAT IS MEASURE G?

Measure G is a general sales tax measure that will appear on Modesto's November ballot. If approved by voters, it will enact a local half-cent (0.5%) sales tax to address community priorities.

DOES IT AFFECT MY NEIGHBORHOOD?

If approved, Measure G would provide funding for neighborhood safety programs. The City council has committed to using Measure G funds for the Safer Neighborhoods Initiative, which includes addressing blight, tagging, gangs, and other issues that affect the quality of life for all residents.

WOULD THIS MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE?

Measure G would provide over \$14,000,000 annually to help restore critical city services, reduce crime, add law enforcement and help make our neighborhoods a safer place to live, work, and play.



WHAT COMMUNITY PRIORITIES WILL MEASURE G ADDRESS?

Citizens of Modesto have said that they want more services, such as enhanced public safety and clean streets. In order to meet this demand, the City Council has proposed Measure G as a means of funding the Safer Neighborhoods Initiative, which includes the following programs:

- Increased Law Enforcement Personnel
- Proactive Code Enforcement
- Blight Removal
- Faster Emergency Response Times
- Improved Health & Safety of Neighborhoods
- Growth of Neighborhood Leadership
- Police Presence in Schools
- Gang Resistance Training
- Homelessness Prevention
- Enhanced Social Service Networks
- Summer Programs & Youth Activities
- Neighborhood Watch Involvement
- Proactive Crime Fighting
- Anti-gang
- Anti-tagging
- Anti-human trafficking

