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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

SEPTEMBER 2014

Updated California Water Conservation Efforts

On July 16, 2014 the State Water Resource Control Board (State Board) approved an emergency regulation to ensure water agencies, their customers and state residents increase water conservation in urban settings or face possible fines or other enforcement. As of July 29, 2014, this emergency regulation has been adopted by the State Board and mandates minimum actions to conserve water supplies into the year 2015 in order to reduce outdoor water usage.

The City of Modesto adopted and implemented a Drought Contingency Plan on May 1, 2003 that generally complies with this regulation and will continue requiring its customers to comply with the Drought Stage One Water Restrictions (see below). However, the State Board is now also requiring all Californians to stop washing down driveways, sidewalks, parking lots or structured, and non-irrigated areas using potable water. This regulation makes an exception only for health and safety circumstances.

As of August 1, 2014, the City is only issuing water permits for health and safety circumstances. Permits **will not** be issued for fund raising events, pressure washing of buildings/sidewalks/concrete areas, or establishing new landscape areas.

Please continue to conserve, and thank you for doing your part to save water. Please call 209-342-2246 with any questions or visit the City of Modesto Water Conservation Program Website at www.modestogov.com/savewater.

FREE! BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS

{for Modesto Residents Only}

Sat., Sept. 13, 2014

10 am - 12 pm

Tues., Oct. 28, 2014

6:30 pm - 8:30 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



Please Continue to Conserve Water!

Stage One Water Restrictions Include:

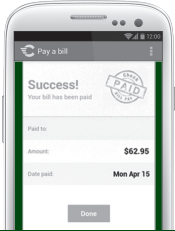
- No outdoor watering on Mondays
- Outdoor water use only before noon and after 7 p.m.
- Addresses ending in odd-numbers only water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday
- Addresses ending in even-numbers only water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- Car washing is subject to the above-cited limitations with the use of a positive shut-off nozzle
- Hosing of concrete areas, building exteriors, etc. requires a permit which can only be obtained in the case of health and safety circumstances
- Water leaks, once identified, must be repaired within 24 hours
- Restaurants are encouraged to serve water only upon request
- All landscaping (residential and commercial) must comply with existing and future landscaping ordinances

Water Conservation Tips:

1. As a rule, water in 5-minute cycles.
2. Turn off automatic sprinklers when it rains; most automatic sprinkler systems have a rain delay mode or can be put in the "OFF" position without affecting the programming.
3. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants; this slows evaporation of moisture and, as a bonus, discourages weed growth and soil erosion.
4. Check for leaking pipes and faucets; small leaks that are not repaired immediately can waste more than 5 gallons of water a day, or 2,500 gallons per year.
5. Check for toilet tank leaks; place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank, if you see the food coloring seep into the bowl, you have a leak.
6. Install low-flow shower heads; they can save up to eight gallons of water each minute the shower is used, or 4,800 gallons per person each year.
7. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
8. Wash only full loads in your washing machine.

For more information, please visit our website at:
www.ci.modesto.ca.us/pwd/water/conservation

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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.

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

February 1-28 • April 1-30 • June 1-30

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

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

Questions?
Call **(209) 577-5494**

CallRecycle



City of Modesto Sponsored Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events 2 Upcoming Events to Choose From

Friday-September 12, 9am-Noon Or until full
Davis Park Community Church
901 W Rumble Rd, Modesto, CA

Friday, October 10, 9am-Noon Or until full
John Thurman Field
601 Neece Drive, Modesto, CA

ACCEPTED ITEMS

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| Antifreeze | Fertilizers | Pesticides |
| Aerosol products | Gasoline/Diesel fuel | Pool/Spa chemicals |
| Batteries (all) | Herbicides | Propane cylinders |
| Brake fluid | Kerosene | Road flares |
| Carburetor cleaner | Mercury thermostats | Roofing tar |
| Charcoal lighter fluid | Mercury thermometers | Used motor oil/Filters |
| Drain cleaners | Paint/Paint thinner | |

No containers larger than 5 gallons. No empty containers. No electronic waste. No light bulbs. No explosives. No ammunition. No compressed gas cylinders. No tires. No business waste. No more than 125 lbs or 15 gallons of waste accepted. All containers must be properly sealed.



DO NOT LEAVE MATERIALS UNATTENDED.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.

QUESTIONS? CALL 577-5493

JOIN THE ECO-FRIENDLY REVOLUTION

Recycle your plastics, cans & glass bottles

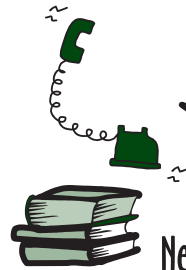


Let us bring a recycling trailer to YOUR next event in Modesto

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



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

This is a cooperative effort of the City of Modesto and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors





Less Waste,

MORE WATER

Save Water with HERO



The HERO Program has partnered with the City of Modesto to help property owners permanently reduce their demand for water and to pay for the improvements over time through their property tax bills. The HERO Program offers financing for an array of water saving products, such as the list below.

- Artificial Turf
- Drip Irrigation
- Drought Tolerant Landscaping
- High Efficiency Toilets, faucets, & shower heads
- Rainwater Catchment Systems

For a complete list of eligible products, visit heroprogram.com/modesto.

Check Your Eligibility

There is no cost to see how much your home qualifies for.

[Check Online | heroprogram.com/modesto](https://heroprogram.com/modesto) or [Call Us | 855-HERO-411](tel:855-HERO-411)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q How is the HERO Program different than other forms of financing?

A HERO offers property owners the benefit of energy and water efficient products for a low monthly cost, and interest on payments is tax deductible. Additionally, if the property is sold before the HERO Financing is paid in full, the balance can be legally transferred to a new owner with lender approval.

Q How is the government involved?

A HERO is provided through a public/private partnership with local governments. HERO provides all of the infrastructure and funding to support the Program and payments are then collected along with your property taxes.

Q Who can apply for the HERO Program?

A HERO is available to property owners in many local communities. Check to see if your property is eligible online at heroprogram.com/modesto.

Q Do I need to be a property owner?

A Yes, only property owners qualify.

Q What are the eligibility requirements?

A You must have a minimum of 10% equity in the property, be current on property taxes for the last 12 months and not late more than once in the past three years. You must also be current on your mortgage with no more than one 30-day late payment in the past 12 months, and have no outstanding involuntary liens. You cannot have had any active bankruptcies within the last 7 years*, and the property must not be an asset in an active bankruptcy.

Q Is there a minimum financing cost?

A We require \$5,000 minimum financing.

Q Do I need to use a specific contractor?

A You can work with any HERO Registered Contractor. To find a HERO Registered Contractor in your area visit heroprogram.com/modesto.

Q What products qualify?

A Over 900,000 energy efficient and water saving products qualify. The products must be permanently affixed to the property.

*If bankruptcy was discharged between two and seven years prior, and you have not had any additional late payments more than 60 days past due in the last 24 months, you may be approved