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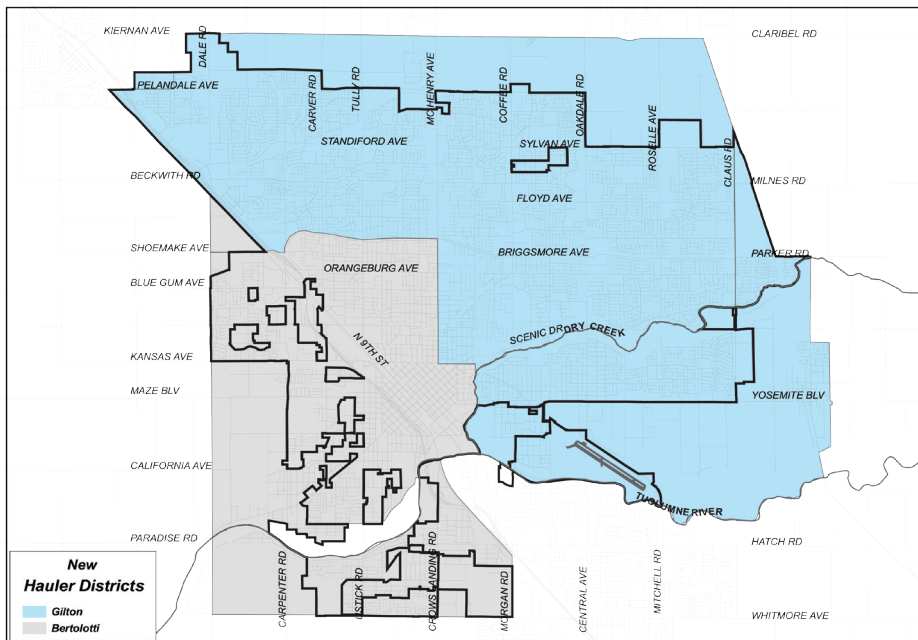
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Garbage Service Provider Changes

Waste Management recently notified the City of Modesto that it would no longer provide garbage and recycling collection services in Modesto after December 31. Currently, they provide weekly service to 28,000 residential customers and 1,600 commercial customers throughout downtown, central and east Modesto.

Beginning January 1, 2007, all Waste Management customers will have their garbage collected by either Bertolotti Disposal Service or Gilton Solid Waste. This map shows the new service areas:



City of Modesto

Operational hours will remain the same. Service days will change in some areas; customers will be notified in advance. Customers will continue to use the same garbage cans. All accounts billed directly by Waste Management will automatically roll over to the new service provider.

Gilton Solid Waste uses a "one-pass" truck system, meaning the same truck picks up the garbage can and the yard waste can. The truck is divided internally to keep the materials separate. Like Waste Management, Bertolotti Disposal Service uses one truck for the garbage and one for the yard waste.

Contact your garbage company directly to schedule appointments for the bulky item program, used oil collection, to request a food waste bucket, CRT coupon or tire recycling coupon.

Note: Waste Management's transfer station will no longer be open to the public.

Call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494 if you have any questions about garbage or recycling in the City of Modesto.

Bertolotti Disposal Service

(209) 537-8000

231 Flamingo Road

Transfer Station: M-Sa, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Office: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Gilton Solid Waste, Transfer Station

(209) 527-3781

800 S. McClure Road

M-F, 7:30a.m.-4p.m.

Sa-Su, 7a.m.-4:30p.m.

Office: 1722 Mono Drive, 8a.m.-5p.m.

Holiday Garbage Routes:

For the weeks of *December 25, 2006* and *January 1, 2007*, all garbage routes will run *one day late*. Please put your cans out accordingly. Questions? Call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494.

Tire Recycling Event

It's simple and best of all it's FREE!



January 15-27, 2007

3 Easy Steps:

- Based on the map to the left, call your garbage company and request a coupon.
- Receive coupon in the mail.
- Take coupon and tires to your garbage company transfer station on any of the qualifying dates.

*Maximum of 8 tires per calendar year.

City of Modesto residents only.

Tires with or without rims, okay.

No businesses.



Questions?

Call the Solid Waste Office:

(209) 577-5494.



Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Zero Waste - You Make It Happen!

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

Storm Drainage and Leaves

Now that Fall is here and the rainy season is approaching it is important to understand the effect fallen leaves and other debris have on the storm drain system. Leaves and debris that are blown or washed into gutters and streets can block storm drains. In order to make the City's storm drain system perform more effectively, City crews have employed a preventative maintenance program, which provides for annual cleaning of most of the City's rockwells.

Members of the community can help keep storm drains free of leaves and other debris by doing the following:

1. Keep sidewalks and gutters clear of leaves and other debris by sweeping them up and disposing of them properly.
2. Place grass, shrub clippings, brush and tree clippings in the green yard waste container.
3. Never wash dirt/leaves into the storm drain or other inlets.
4. Never dump anything down the storm drain.
5. Consult the City's Leaf Removal Program schedule for proper and timely disposal of leaves.

When does the city collect leaves?

The City of Modesto Leaf Removal Program operates during the months of November and December only. Throughout the rest of the year, January 1 through October 31, leaves should be placed in your green yard waste container.

Where should I place my leaves for collection?

During the Leaf Removal Program months, city residents should place leaves in the green yard waste container.

Once the container is full, place leaves in piles on the street near the curb, but clear of the gutter to allow storm water to flow freely. Keep leaves away from storm drains or other inlets in the street. Do not put leaves in bags or containers other than the green yard waste container. Crews from the city's Community Forestry Division will collect piles of leaves from the street only. Leaves left in alleys will not be collected. Once collected, leaves are taken to an undeveloped park site and recycled to improve soil conditions.



Go online to <http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/> and download the 2006

Pruned Refuse Collection Schedule and

post it in a convenient place. Note that throughout the month of December city crews pick up leaves only, no pruned refuse is collected during the month of December. Pruned clippings and tree trimmings can be placed in the green yard waste container.

How can I get more information?

For questions regarding Leaf and Pruned Refuse Collection, call the Community Forestry Division, 342-2249; for storm drains, contact the Storm Water Collection Division at 577-6200, or, visit the Public Works department website at www.modestogov.com/pwd.



City Crews to Collect Trees for Recycling

City of Modesto pruned refuse crews will pick up trees left over from the holidays beginning in January as part of the normal pruned refuse collection.

Pickup for residents with street pruned refuse collection begins Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Pick up for residents with alley pruned refuse collection begins Tuesday, January 16.



Untreated green trees may also be cut-up and placed in your green yard waste can for pick up with your normal weekly collection. Collected trees are recycled at the city's co-compost facility.

Please follow these simple steps to ensure proper disposal of trees from the holidays:

1. Disposal of Untreated Green Trees:

- Remove all tree stands, rods and tinsel. Trees cannot be picked up by city crews if these items have not been removed.
- Cut trees in half if they are more than six (6) feet tall.
- Place trees curbside to be collected with your regular yard trimmings in your green waste can.

2. Disposal of Trees Treated With Flocking, Paint or Fireproofing:

Trees with flocking, paint or fireproofing cannot be composted and will not be collected by city crews. Flocked, painted or fireproofed trees may be cut up and placed in your black garbage can or taken to the nearest garbage company transfer station. Transfer stations can be found at the following Modesto locations:

Gilton Solid Waste
800 S. McClure Road
527-3781

Bertolotti Disposal
231 Flamingo Drive
537-8000

For more information on holiday tree collection or the city's pruned refuse/green waste program, visit the city's website at www.modestogov.com, or contact the Community Forestry Division at 342-2249.

Bulky Item Program

Please be aware there will be no Bulky Item Program appointments scheduled for the following dates:

December 25-29.

Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

