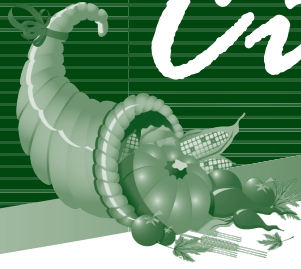




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WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FOR FALL

1. Be aware that the water needs of plants and grass drop dramatically in the fall. Overwatering in the fall can lead to plant disease.
2. Avoid watering in the evening. Fungal problems are more likely to happen if plants are wet all night during the fall months.
3. Outdoor watering should be cut back significantly. Cooler weather and seasonal rains make it possible to stop all supplemental irrigation.
4. This is a good time of year to stop using soaker hoses and put them away for the winter.
5. Use organic mulch around winter plants especially around trees.
6. Don't let water run continuously while brushing teeth and shaving.
7. Re-use water when you can. A bucket in the shower can catch water for plants and clean-up jobs.
8. When washing the dishes, don't let water run while rinsing.
9. Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator.
10. Check your water meter and monthly bills to track water usage.

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	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
MIDNIGHT TO NOON	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
NOON – 7:00 PM			DO NOT WATER				
7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT	WATER		WATER	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/>

Emerald and Maze Storm Drain Project Completed

The intersection of Maze Boulevard and Emerald Avenue has had a long history of flooding during the rainy season. The storm drain infrastructure was inadequate for handling storm runoff and was often overwhelmed during a rain event which caused flooding.

This flooding directly impacted Franklin Elementary School. Parents were driving through flooded roadways to drop off students and students were forced to travel through flooded sidewalks and pathways as they made their way to school without a safe travel path. In addition, the flooding caused pothole damage, requiring costly repairs.

The City of Modesto has now resolved these issues by installing a new underground storm drain system. The new system consists of a perforated horizontal drain pipe and is designed to collect storm water from the intersection and allow it to naturally percolate into the soil below. The new system will alleviate flooding at the intersection and surrounding sidewalks and will provide both drivers and students a safe travel path.

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





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.

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STAYING SAFE ONLINE

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Don't be a phishing scam victim. Reputable organizations will never ask for personal data account numbers or passwords via email.



Tips From City of Modesto
Information Technology Department

www.modestogov.com

When the City of Trees turns to the City of Leaves, Remember...

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 mixed with pruned refuse 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 at **www.modestogov.com/prnd/trees/green_waste.asp**

* IMPORTANT INFORMATION * HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Thanksgiving:
There will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 28.
During this week:
• Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday
• Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday

Christmas and New Year Holiday
There will be no garbage collection on Wednesday December 25 and Wednesday January 1.
During these 2 weeks:
• Wednesday customers will be serviced on Thursday
• Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday
• Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday

* IMPORTANT INFORMATION * BULKY ITEM COLLECTION PROGRAM CUT-OFF DATES

The last day to schedule an appointment to have your large bulky items picked up in 2013 is nearing.
You must call to schedule your appointment no later than December 13th in order to have your items picked up this year.

All calls received for appointments after December 13 will be scheduled for January 2014 and will count toward one of your appointments for that year.

Call your garbage company to schedule your appointment and to learn about program restrictions and requirements.



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