

Make the most of the holidays in Modesto by shopping local and supporting businesses in our City. There are endless restaurants, cafes, theaters and performing arts to keep you busy as the countdown to 2016 draws near. Here are a few of our favorite things to do around town during the holiday season.

Downtown

Go ice skating in the City! Opening Saturday, November 21, Modesto on Ice will offer locals the chance to enjoy ice skating downtown. Find Modesto on Ice at the corner of 11th & K. modestoonice.com

Bring your family, friends and your sense of adventure out to support a new business, Escape Modesto. The new trend in social problem-solving fun, Escape Modesto, invites groups to hunt for clues and solve puzzles to escape themed rooms. Open now! escapemodesto.com

Open during construction, Green's on Tenth, the popular farm to fork eatery and event center has purchased an adjacent space and is restoring the 1930's era brick façade building, more

than doubling the size of the restaurant. greensmarket.net

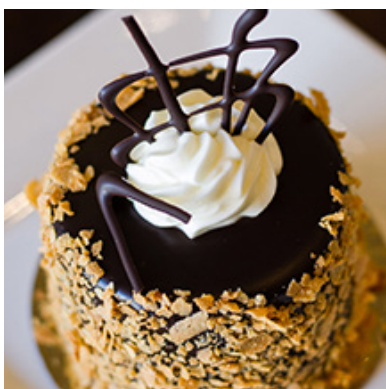
Thanksgiving weekend, don't miss Mod Shop Crafters Market downtown. Support local vendors and shop your way down J Street, perusing handmade goods, holiday crafts, enjoying music, food and more on Saturday evening, November 28th. modshop209.com



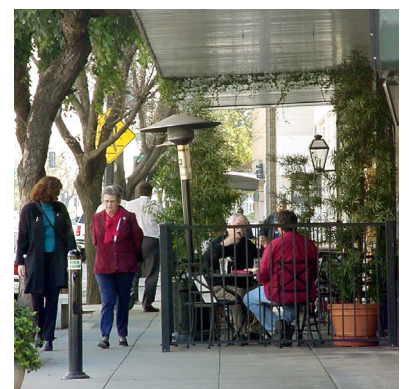
Holiday Extravaganza occurring every weekend until Christmas in 10th Street Plaza. modestogov.com/prnd/

Work off the pumpkin pie on December 12 at the Spirit of Giving 5k Run and Walk. Get healthy and give back to the community, supporting the Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Leisure Bucks program. This program offers financial assistance to low-income children, seniors and individuals with disabilities, providing access to community programs and activities. modestospiritofgiving.org

Catch a show downtown at the GalloCenterfortheArts (galloarts.org), the State Theater (thestate.org), or Prospect Theater Project (prospecttheaterproject.org).



Modesto's annual Celebration of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th and includes family-friendly events such as a Breakfast with Santa, Dickens' Faire, Modesto Certified Farmer's Market, and our annual Holiday Parade. Following the parade will be a traditional Community Tree Lighting and a Downtown





Vintage Faire Mall

On Saturday, November 7, experience the arrival of Santa Claus at Vintage Faire Mall with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new HGTV Santa Set and a VIP Kids Club “Breakfast With Santa” celebration. From 9:30-11am in Center Court you can bring your kids to Santa’s Breakfast & Workshop.

Starting November 5, the new Santa HQ will invite families to experience the wonder of Santa’s world in the modern and digital age. “Elf-Ray Vision” - interactive technology featured in Santa’s Observatory - will revolutionize the experience. At Santa HQ, children will get the chance to “scan” themselves by visiting the “Naughty O’ Nice Meter,” tour Santa’s Observatory to see magic like never before and snap an “Elfie” along with their family to star in their own holiday video. Santa HQ is presented by HGTV.

Kick off the holidays at the mall with the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony on November 21 from 7-8pm in The Village and enjoy live entertainment and family activities.

McHenry Mansion & Museum

Visit the beautiful McHenry Mansion and Museum after December 1st, when they will be decorated for Christmas!

Don’t miss the Dickens Faire at the McHenry Mansion, Saturday, December 5, to enjoy a variety of food booths, vendors with Christmas fare, carolers, and entertainment as well as free children’s activities at the Museum. Christmas Tea will be held on December 8th and Candlelight Tours of the Mansion on December 18th and 20th. For more information, go to mchenrymansion.org

Mansion Holiday Hours: Sunday – Friday, Noon – 4 pm; Museum Holiday Hours: Tuesday – Sunday, Noon - 4 pm



McHenry Village

Santa’s Village will open November 27, 2015. Bring the kids for holiday pictures with Santa, Candy canes and Carriage rides every weekend starting Friday November 28. mchenryvillage.com



IMPORTANT NOTICE

In 2011 Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 341 into law and it became effective January 1, 2012. If you own and/or operate a business or have rental properties in California, this law MAY impact you. Assembly Bill 341 now requires businesses that produce four or more cubic yards of waste per week, and multifamily residences with five or more dwellings, to recycle, reuse and/or divert some of their waste from disposal.

Businesses in the City of Modesto that meet the above threshold must place recyclable materials in the bins or containers provided by their local garbage collection company, or may also donate, sell and/or make other arrangements for pick up and recycling of the materials to a "not for profit" organization. Businesses may also self-haul the materials to a recycling facility. Businesses must retain documentation and/or proof of receipt of method of recycling and make it available for inspection by the City of Modesto or CalRecycle upon request.

Information about California's mandatory business recycling requirements is available from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/>

You can also contact the City of Modesto Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5494 for more information.

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 2015 is nearing. You must call to schedule your appointment no later than **December 11th** in order to have your items picked up this year. All calls received for appointments after December 11 will be scheduled for January 2016 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.

Gilton Solid Waste 527-3781
Bertolotti Disposal 537-8000



Help Prevent Sewer Blockages & Overflows

Especially during the winter months, it is important to remember the following:

Grease is often washed down the kitchen sink and into the plumbing system. Even a small amount of grease in sink drains can cause serious blockages in home plumbing or, even worse, a sewer overflow in your home or yard. The substances also cause clogging in Modesto's wastewater collection system, causing overflows that are messy, costly, and a potential threat to your health and the environment.

Here are some ways you can help protect the environment, your pipes, and Modesto's sewer collection system:



- Never pour grease material down sink drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease material from all cookware and dishes into a can or the trash for disposal prior to washing. Don't rely on detergents to dissolve grease: They may just pass it down the line and cause problems in other areas.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain strainers into the trash for disposal.
- Cooking grease should be placed in the black curb container with the normal weekly garbage. It would be advisable to allow the grease to cool so as to not melt plastic garbage bags.

Call the City of Modesto 24/7 at (209) 577-6200 to report a sewer blockage or overflow.



Saturday, November 14
10 am - 2 pm

Cruisers
4931 McHenry Ave



Green ideas in a reusable bag from...

- American Recycling
- Bertolotti Disposal
- Boyett Petroleum
- CA Coastal Commission
- CalRecycle
- CA State Parks
- City of Modesto
- Covanta
- Gilton Resource Recovery
- Go Green with UCP
- Hazardous Waste
- MID
- Modesto Junk
- PaintCare
- PG&E
- Prime Shine
- San Joaquin Valley
- Air Pollution Control District
- Solar City
- www.solarcity.com/bgreen
- Stanislaus County
- StaRT
- and more...

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Free Waste Tire Collection
up to 9 tires
call for a coupon
209.577.5435

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**



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. Piles of leaves mixed with pruned refuse will not be collected. Please do not place prunings in the street or alleys again until January when your area is scheduled for collection. To see when to put out your trimmings for your area visit our website.

For more information regarding the leaf removal program call the Green Waste Division at (209) 577-5463

https://www.modestogov.com/trees/green_waste.asp

SEWER PROBLEMS?
CALL US FIRST
577-6200

City of Modesto Water Conservation Program

Winter is almost here and temperatures will be much cooler. Please continue doing your part to conserve water by following these helpful water conservation tips:

- Decrease your watering times to once a week or completely turn off your irrigation timer. The average rainfall during the winter is more than enough to keep your lawn healthy.
- Make sure all of your outdoor spigots are winterized to keep pipes from freezing or losing water.
- Insulate hot water pipes to reduce the amount of water needed to get hot water to the faucet.
- Check your fixtures and repair any leaking faucets or faulty toilet flappers to prevent water loss.
- Please remember our new Stage 2 water conservation ordinance. No outdoor water use after measurable rainfall. Measurable rain is defined as anything over one-hundredth of an inch (.01).

Please go to our website at www.modestogov.com/savewater for more helpful information. Thank you for doing your part to conserve water and if you have any questions, please contact the City of Modesto Water Conservation Program at (209)342-2246.

* IMPORTANT INFORMATION * HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Garbage collection will run 1 day late for the Thanksgiving Holiday
There will be no garbage collection on
Thursday, November 26.
Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday Friday customers
will be serviced on Saturday that week only.

ATTENTION! IMPORTANT SURVEY!

The City of Modesto Solid Waste Division needs your help researching information on how Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is disposed of. We are reaching out to you to find out what you currently do with your HHW, and what programs we might implement to help with safe disposal. Please provide the following feedback.

How do you dispose of the following (please circle the appropriate answer):

Used motor oil? Drop off Center / Curbside Collection / Store it / Don't have any / Don't know where to take it

Used oil filters? Drop off Center / Curbside Collection / Store it / Don't have any / Don't know where to take them

Used cooking oil? Throw in trash / Rinse it down the Drain / Reuse it / Take it to a Tallow / Don't have any

Used batteries (A, AA, C, D, 9-volt)? Drop off Center / Throw in trash / Don't know where to take them

Used paint? Drop off Center / Throw in trash / Don't know where to take it

Used light bulbs? Drop off Center / Throw in trash / Don't know where to take them

Are there any questions or suggestions you may have for new innovative programs? (Please write legibly)

Would you like us to contact you regarding garbage, recycling, or household hazardous waste? If so please write your name and phone number: _____

Once you have completed the survey, please submit it with your utility bill payment or mail to: City of Modesto- Solid Waste Division PO Box 642, Modesto, CA 95353. The survey is also available online at: www.modestogov.com