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MAY 2008

May is Water Awareness Month in California

The [California Water Awareness Campaign](#) is a year-long effort by organizations throughout California to heighten public awareness of water and the role water agencies and allied entities play in water supply, quality, conservation, management and distribution. The campaign kicks off in May of each year with the observance of Water Awareness Month.

With our growing population, it is important for all of Modesto's water customers to use water, our most precious resource, as efficiently as possible. It is important for each of us to treat our drinking water as a critical and necessary commodity that should not be wasted. Use our water wisely so that our generation and future generations can enjoy an adequate supply of quality drinking water.

The California Water Awareness Campaign's mission is to increase public awareness about the need for all Californians to use water wisely. For more California Water Awareness Campaign information and helpful tips on how to use water efficiently, visit the CWAC site at www.wateraware.org or the City of Modesto website at www.modestogov.com/pwd and click on [water conservation](#).

Protect Your Property Against Fire

As the summer fire season is about to begin, now is the time to check your property for fire hazards. Removing weeds and dead vegetation is a great way to protect your home from fire. "Residents are responsible for keeping a clear, defensible space around their homes," said Modesto Fire Inspector Tracie Dutter. This includes trimming trees so they don't hang over roofs, removing leaves and debris from roofs, and not stacking flammable liquids and other combustibles near structures. Owners of empty lots should remove all weeds, dead vegetation and debris from their property.

Abandoned, overgrown fields and yards within the City of Modesto should be reported to the City of Modesto Neighborhood Preservation Unit at (209) 577-5250.





For more information, view a full brochure at:

<http://www.modestofire.com/Documents/Brochures/HomeOwnerChecklist.pdf>

2008 Collection Schedule

This calendar provides specific information about when to place yard trimmings out for collection. Trimmings are only collected once a month and it takes approximately two weeks for pick up in each collection area. *Questions? Call the Community Forestry Division at (209) 342-2249.*

Key for Yard Trimming Collection:

-  Only days you may place your trimmings out on the **STREET** for collection.
-  Day crews **start** to pick up **STREET** collection (First Monday of Month)
-  Only days you may place your trimmings out in the **ALLEY** for collection.
-  Day crews **start** to pick up **ALLEY** collection (Third Monday of Month)

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

Roundabout Right-of-Way Rules

Chances are that a roundabout has been constructed or is being considered somewhere near your home. The key to understanding a roundabout is to recognize that a roundabout is just another type of intersection.

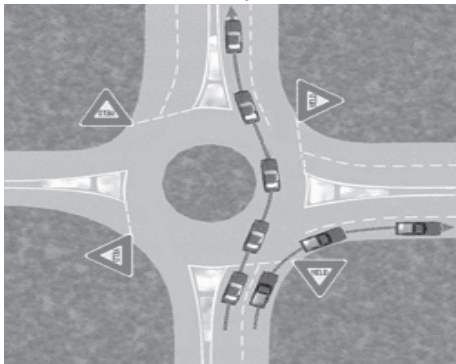
How to Maneuver a Single Lane Roundabout:

1. Slow down as you approach the intersection.
2. Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists.
3. Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout.
4. Watch for signs and pavement markings that guide you or prohibit certain movements.
5. Enter the roundabout when there is a big enough gap in traffic.
6. Drive in a counterclockwise direction. Do not stop or pass other vehicles.
7. Use your turn signals when you change lanes or exit the roundabout.
8. If you miss your exit, continue around until you return to your exit.

How to Maneuver a Multiple Lane Roundabout:

For roundabouts with multiple lanes, choose your entry or exit lane based on your destination. For example, to:

- Turn right at the intersection; choose the right-hand lane and exit in the right-hand lane.
- Turn left at the intersection; choose the left lane and exit when you reach the exit.
- Go straight through the intersection; choose either lane, and exit in the lane you entered.



For more information call Streets and Traffic at (209) 577-5468.

Water Conservation

Warm weather often results in more water use. With spring upon us, and the hot summer months just around the corner, much of this increase is outdoor water use. As a reminder, City of Modesto water customers have year-round water restrictions and they are enforced.

Stage One Water Restrictions:

- Outdoor water use is prohibited daily between noon and 7 p.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- Even-numbered addresses ending in 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0 water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- **No outdoor water use on Mondays.**
- Car washing is subject to previous limitations and is only allowed when using a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Hosing concrete areas and building exteriors may be done with a city-issued permit and only with a positive shut-off nozzle. Be sure to retain as much water as possible on your property, as it is against the law to introduce any type of discharge, pollutant or contamination into storm gutters and storm drains systems.
- Water leaks, once identified, must be repaired within 24 hours.
- Restaurants are encouraged to serve water only upon request.
- Water cannot be wasted and must be retained on site.

Call (209) 342-4580 for the following:

- To report water waste
- To inquire about a watering permit
- For water conservation tips
- To inquire about having a water conservation guest speaker for your school or service organization (within the City of Modesto service area)

For helpful tips on how to use water efficiently visit the City of Modesto website at www.modestogov.com/pwd and click on Water Conservation or contact the Water Services Division at (209) 342-4580.

CITY OF MODESTO WASTE TIRE RECYCLING EVENTS

Program guidelines:

- City of Modesto residents only
- No businesses
- Tires with rims—OK
- Tires all sizes—OK
- Questions? Call (209) 577-5495

What to do:

- Call garbage company and request coupon
Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781
Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Take tires to garbage company
- Do not mix tires with other waste



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