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It's Not Waste Until You Throw it Away!

Like most folks, you are probably storing clothing and other items in the back of your closet, garage or storage shed that you will never use again. The City of Modesto urges you to "recycle" them by putting them to good use! There are many programs and resources that can help you do just that.

Log onto www.freecycle.org, get registered and start freecycling. The online user's group lets you list items you want to get rid of and shop for items you need...free! The website is free, the listings are free and all items are to be given away for free, no sales. Remember, reuse is the best form of recycling!

Have any light fixtures, doors, tiles, sheetrock or other construction items laying around? What about gently used furniture, hardware or hand tools? Donate them to the Habitat for Humanity. Some items will be used in their construction projects and others will be offered for resale in the ReStore at 50-75% below retail! Call the ReStore at (209) 575-4585 ext. 112 to schedule a donation pick up or visit them at 630 Kearney Ave., Monday and Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Put your old cell phones to good use! Donated phones are distributed to local senior citizens for calling 9-1-1 in emergencies. It's easy! Just drop your phones, batteries and chargers (in working condition) in the designated box at local Save Mart Supermarkets. The Area Agency on Aging coordinates the distribution. Contact them at 1-800-510-2020 regarding program eligibility.

Another creative recycling option is through All Recycled Things - ARTs. Donated items are made available to local teachers, scouting groups, seniors and churches to use in arts and crafts projects. ARTs accepts sewing notions, paper, flowers, small wood scraps and other creative clean reusable items. ARTs is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.) and is located behind the Coroner's Office on Oakdale Road. Call (209) 567-4516 for more information.

Help your community one closet at a time. Remember, it's not waste until you throw it away!

Protect Your Property Against Fire

As 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," says Modesto Fire Marshal Mike Payton.

This includes trimming trees so they don't hang over the roof, removing leaves and debris from the roof and not stacking flammable liquids and other combustibles beside the house. Owners of empty lots should remove all weeds, dead vegetation and debris from the property.

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

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The City of Modesto is seeking interested applicants for appointment to the following Modesto City Council Citizen Advisory Groups:



- Citizens Advisory Committee on Recycling
- Citizens Housing & Community Development
- Community Qualities Forum (*NE, SE, SW residents*)
- Culture Commission
- Disabled Access Appeals Board
- Golf Courses Advisory Committee
- Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee (*financial institution member, housing services provider member*)
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee (*citizen/non-profit representative*)
- Tuolumne River Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee

Applications may be requested from the City Manager's Office, 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6100
By phone at 577-5223, or apply online at
www.modestogov.com/council/cag/default.htm

Applications for boards, commissions and committees not listed above also may be submitted for City Council review when a vacancy occurs.

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

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Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If Your Address Is...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
Midnight to Noon	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
Noon to 7 PM	<i>DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!</i>						
7 PM to Midnight	WATER	DO NOT 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 regarding water conservation, or to report water waste, call (209) 342-4580.



City of Modesto – Compost Facility

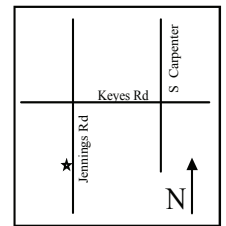
BUY ONE YARD...
GET THE SECOND **FREE**

7007 Jennings Rd
Modesto, CA
(209) 538-2557



Hours:
Monday – Friday
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

- An open bed pickup or trailer is needed to purchase compost
- Please bring this coupon with you to receive this free offer
- Bulk sales only
- One (1) free yard per paying customer
- Coupon Expires 8/30/2007



Waste Disposal Options

Ever wonder where to dispose of your construction debris, broken concrete, scrap wood or old magazine collection? Stop wondering! The chart below shows various disposal options for common material. Best of all, everything is recycled! *Please note that some local businesses accept materials at no charge, some pay cash for certain materials and others charge a disposal fee for some items. Please call each business for details before taking your materials to their site.*

CALL FOR DISPOSAL DETAILS	\$ = CASH VALUE PAID NC = NO CHARGE DFC = DISPOSAL FEE CHARGED										
	A & S METALS 1616 Angelo Way	Bertolotti Disposal 231 Flamingo Road	Bonzi Recycling 2070 Morgan Road	Central Valley Recycling 524 S. 9th Street	Glilton Solid Waste 800 S. McClure Road	HFH Restore 630 Kearney Avenue	JS West & Company 9th & H Streets	Modesto Junk Company 1421 9th Street	Modesto Sand & Gravel 6137 Hammett Road	Stanislaus County HHW 1716 Morgan Road	
APPLIANCES	\$	DFC			DFC	NC*		\$			
ASPHALT		DFC			DFC				NC		
AUTO BATTERIES				\$				\$			
BOOKS & MAGAZINES		DFC	NC		DFC						
CARDBOARD	NC	DFC	\$		DFC			\$			
COMPUTER PAPER		DFC	\$		DFC						
CONCRETE & ROCKS		DFC			DFC				NC		
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS		DFC			DFC	NC*					
CRV - BOTTLES & CANS	\$	DFC		\$	DFC			\$			
DIRT		DFC			DFC				NC		
E-WASTE										NC	
GREEN WASTE		DFC			DFC						
MOTOR OIL										NC	
NEWSPAPER		DFC	\$		DFC						
PAINT & SOLVENTS										NC	
PROPANE TANKS	\$	DFC			DFC		DFC	\$			
ROOFING		DFC			DFC	NC*					
SAND & GRAVEL		DFC			DFC				NC		
SCRAP METAL		DFC		\$	DFC			\$			
SHEETROCK		DFC			DFC						
TIRES		DFC			DFC						
TOXINS										NC	
WOOD		DFC			DFC	NC*					

* Takes new or gently used materials only

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