

City Beat

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Wastewater Rate Increase

City of Modesto customers will see a wastewater rate increase on their water/sewer/garbage bill beginning July 1, in an effort to comply with California wastewater regulatory mandates. In 2010, the Modesto City Council approved a series of rate increases to fund the construction of the Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment facilities, as well as improvements to the wastewater system as a whole.

Residential customers can expect to experience an average increase of \$1.99 per month. This rate increase largely funds the Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment facilities that will meet very stringent water quality requirements, as well as provide the flexibility to discharge the high quality treated water into the San Joaquin River year-round, or provide recycled water for various purposes.

The rate increase also allows the City to meet its obligation to serve its wastewater customers and protect the environment by complying with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program requirements.

It is important to note that any rate increase put off now would result in a larger increase in the future; this small increase helps smooth rate increases over time.

Additionally, City staff have worked to reduce costs, including the following steps:

- Adjusted the Capital Improvement Program to focus only on critical projects
- Secured a State Revolving Fund, low-interest loan

For more information or concerns, please contact the City of Modesto Customer Service Division at (209) 577-5395.





Tour of California

MODESTO - STAGE 3 FINISH

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Pre-Race Events • May 14

Modesto Downtown Criterium • 8:15 a.m. • 12th and I Streets

Family Cycling Festival • 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 11th and I Streets

Race Day Events • May 17

Bike to Work Day • 6:30-8:30 a.m. • Tenth Street Place

Super-Rama Lifestyle Festival • Breakaway Mile, art show, national and local vendors, free giveaways, and much more!

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • I Street between 9th and 11th Streets

Stage 3 Finish • Estimated to occur at approximately 3:15 p.m.
 Intersection of 12th and I Streets

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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) 342-4580.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>



Proper Cleaning of Garbage Cans... *Don't clean your garbage cans in your driveway or gutter as the water ends up in City storm drains.*

Proper cleaning techniques:

Residential:

Find an unused space in the yard where you can rinse garbage cans and empty the wash water onto a grassy area (wash water will not harm the grass). Any solid material washed out of the cans may be collected with a rake. Properly dispose of the waste in a paper or plastic bag and place it back in the garbage can.

Businesses:

Contact your garbage hauler to exchange your dumpster for a clean one (NOTE - there will be a fee for this service). Restaurants should always double-bag their garbage and clean spills with absorbent materials such as kitty litter or sand. **Do not hose it into a storm drain.**

For more information, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.

WATER CONSERVATION

Here are some helpful water conservation tips for the summer:

1. Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
2. Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
3. Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
4. Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
5. Avoid planting turf in areas that are hard to water such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
6. Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption each time you water.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.
8. Only water your lawn when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.
9. Use sprinklers for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
10. We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.

Top Garbage Violations

1. Placing or storing anything in an alley - i.e. unwanted items, furniture, appliances, etc.
2. Placing non-organic garbage in the green waste can, including plastic.
3. Placing bulky items in the street without an appointment or more than 24 hours before the appointment.
4. Depositing trash into a neighbors garbage can without permission.
5. Placing unacceptable items out for bulky item collection - i.e. tires, paint, oil, TV's, glass, wood, construction debris, garbage, clothing, bags & boxes of trash, etc.
6. Placing hazardous waste in the garbage instead of taking it to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility - i.e. motor oil, paint, batteries, fluorescent lights, electronics, etc.
7. Placing garbage cans on the sidewalk for collection.
8. Leaving garbage cans out longer than 24 hours after service day.
9. Overfilling garbage or yard waste cans (lids must be closed and cans may not weigh over 100 lbs).
10. Not having active garbage service at your residence.

For questions, please call the City of Modesto, Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5493.

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