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CITY OF MODESTO

# City Beat

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## CITY HALL COMMUNITY FORUMS

# EMBRACE IT

*every day, for every customer*

Want to take an active part in making Modesto the best place it can be? The Modesto City Council and City management team invites you to attend Community Forums being held throughout Modesto. The Community Forums will allow you to provide feedback regarding the current Strategic Plan that has been adopted by the Council, as well as input into what City services are important to you.

Your participation in these community forums is critical to the City's future! All the feedback received will be considered as we move forward into the future.

All forums will be held from 6-8 p.m.

### March 10

*Fremont Elementary School Cafeteria  
1220 W. Orangeburg Ave.*

### March 31

*La Loma Junior High Cafeteria • 1800 Encina Ave.*

### April 21

*Beyer High Cafeteria • 1717 Sylvan Ave.*

### April 28

*Enochs High Cafeteria • 3201 Sylvan Ave.*

*For more information, visit [www.modestogov.com](http://www.modestogov.com).*

## EARTH DAY 2011 SAVE THE DATE • APRIL 16

Modesto's 22nd Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival is coming to Graceada Park on Saturday, April 16, 2011, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. This year's theme: *What Footprint? That's Earth Day!*

The **FREE** family event offers lots of information on greening your lifestyle and your home. Learn how you can reduce your carbon footprint to better the environment and save money!



Reduce your footprint by riding your bike to the event and lock it up in the secure bike corral! Riders can enter a drawing for a great prize.

Be sure to attend the Boyett B Green Recycling Event at Earth Day. Drop off your e-waste and CRV containers for free. Free paper shredding will be available, limited to 5 file boxes or grocery bags please. Other acceptable items include cardboard and ink jet or laser cartridges...so start collecting them now. The B Green drive thru event will be located on Stoddard Avenue, between Park and Sycamore Avenues at the north end of the park. All recyclables donated to B Green are matched dollar for dollar by Boyett Petroleum. 100% of the funds are donated to the development of Modesto's first Dog Park!

Join us for a full day of green education, free entertainment, great food, and lots of family fun.

Are you interested in being an event sponsor or vendor? We welcome businesses and organizations that are focused on the environment and offer green solutions to today's environmental issues. If you would like to join us, please visit our website and download an application at [www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/events](http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/events).

Please call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5495 with any questions.

## WATER CONSERVATION

March is here and it's the perfect time to take a look at your landscaping irrigation system. Cold weather conditions put added stress on your irrigation system, so take a moment and make a visual inspection of your entire system.

- Check your anti-siphon valves for any erosion, standing water, or leaks.
- Run your sprinkler system and look for any leaks from the valve to the spray head. Clear any debris, grass, and plants from the sprinkler spray and adjust them so they don't spray walk ways, walls, or driveways.
- For drip irrigation systems, run them for 20-30 minutes, check for leaks or clogged emitters. Place the emitters in the correct place as plants grow.
- Finally, set your controller to the correct water days and times. Replace the back up battery if needed.

## 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/>



## Backyard Composting Classes

FREE to Modesto residents  
(\$30.00 for non-Modesto residents)

Call Modesto Junior College  
to register - 575-6063

Upcoming Classes:

Wednesday, March 23 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Saturday, April 16 • 10 a.m.-noon



## BUILDING CODES

Building Codes are proven to save lives and protect buildings, which is why the City of Modesto requires building permits. It's a way to verify that a project has been completed in accordance with all the life safety requirements contained within the building codes.

Unfortunately, few homeowners consider the necessity of a permit for a water heater, furnace, air conditioner or roof replacement. Some contractors even give homeowners two estimates, one with a permit and one without in order to reduce the cost of an installation. This practice can be dangerous and cost you more money down the line! Here are some reasons it is not a good idea to opt out of a permit:

- **Safety:** water heaters, furnaces and air conditioners all have a power source and improper installation can put the homeowner at risk for fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, or electrocution; and a faulty roof replacement can cause mold and/or dry rot.
- **Missed opportunity:** the additional money to have an impartial inspector review an installation can be priceless. Even the best contractor can make mistakes and these mistakes, while not always life threatening, can cost the homeowner down the road. Also, an improper installation can affect the efficiency and life of the equipment, causing it to fail before it should.

The City of Modesto's Building Safety Division is committed to providing excellent customer service. Should you have any questions or concerns, call (209) 577-5232 or visit: <http://www.modestogov.com/ced/about/building>.

## 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 your garbage company and request a coupon  
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

March 6-12 • April 3-9  
May 1-7 • June 5-11



Funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

