

# City Beat

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## Large Prunings & Street Sweeping Schedule

Large pruning collection and street sweeping is performed by service area as indicated on the map to the right. Pruning collection is available to City of Modesto residents only!

Only large prunings are collected; however, pieces must be less than six feet in length and less than six inches in diameter. No single piece can weigh more than 50 pounds. Smaller prunings must be placed in the green yard waste can. Street piles should be placed at the curb in front of your property, should not extend more than three feet into the street, and must be at least one foot from the curb. Place piles in the street as follows:

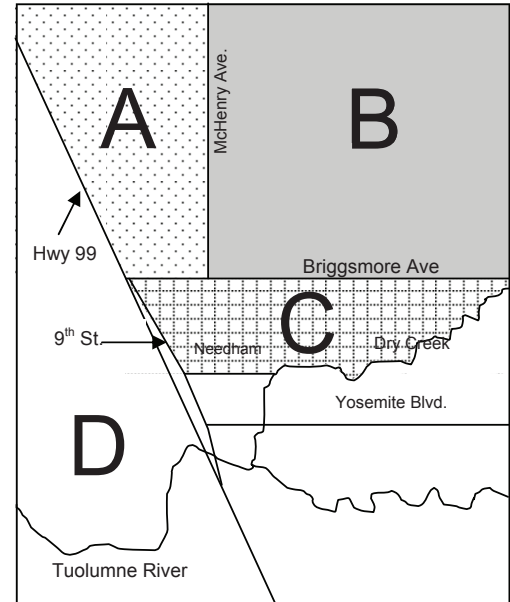
- Area A - weekend before the first Monday of each month\*
- Area B - weekend before the second Monday of each month\*
- Area C - weekend before the third Monday of each month\*
- Area D - weekend before the fourth Monday of each month\*

Alley piles should be placed behind your property, should not extend more than three feet into the alley, and must be at least one foot from the fence. Place piles in alley as follows:

- Area A and Area B - weekend before the first Monday of each month\*
- Area C and Area D - weekend before the third Monday of each month\*

Piles should never be placed near sewer clean-outs, manholes, fire hydrants, drains or other utility fixtures. Persons failing to follow these guidelines are subject to fines, beginning at \$100. Streets are swept once a month within 48 hours of the large pruning collection. The street sweeping schedule is as follows:

- Area A - Streets are swept the first week of each month\*
- Area B - Streets are swept the second week of each month\*
- Area C - Streets are swept the third week of each month\*
- Area D - Streets are swept the fourth week of each month\*



- A—1st week of each month
- B—2nd week of each month
- C—3rd week of each month
- D—4th week of each month

*Note: It may take up to one week to collect and sweep your street area and up to two weeks to collect alley areas.*

\*December is for leaf collection only, no prunings. Leaves are collected from the streets only; do not place leaf piles in the alley. The schedule will vary due to weather conditions and workload.

For more information, contact the Forestry Division at (209) 342-2249.

## Electronic Billing - CITY OF MODESTO UTILITY BILLING GOES PAPERLESS

The City of Modesto Customer Service Division is pleased to announce the implementation of Paperless Electronic Utility Billing. This "e-billing" process allows customers to receive their City of Modesto water, sewer, and garbage utility bill through e-mail instead of a paper bill in the mail. Customers will have the ability to instantly view and pay their bill online, and store and print bills while expediting delivery time.

Once customers connect to the Interactive Web Pay System, they can pay their City of Modesto utility bill using a Visa, MasterCard, or a Debit Card with the Visa or MasterCard logo. The credit card payment is applied to the account immediately, with complete card verification.

To switch to paperless electronic utility billing, call Customer Services at (209) 577-5395 and ask one of the customer service representatives about switching to paperless "e-billing."

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21st Annual  
**Earth Day** 2010  
 in the Park Festival

Mark your calendars for Modesto's 21st Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival! Please join us at Graceada Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for this **FREE** community event.



The event offers something for every member of the family. Visit with eco-friendly vendors, enhance your knowledge of environmental issues, play games and win prizes. Enjoy free entertainment and lots of great food. Kids will have fun with a hands-on arts and craft project and bounce houses.

Ride your bike and lock it away for the day! A FREE bike corral will be available in the pool area. All riders can enter to win special prizes.

**New this year!**  
**Sponsored by Boyett Petroleum's - "B Green"**

- **FREE drop-off of Electronic Waste and CRV beverage containers**
- **FREE paper shredding event - limit 10 boxes, no binders**

Boyett matches all proceeds to benefit the City of Modesto's Adopt-A-Park program. All collections will be at the north end of the park along Stoddard Avenue.

To become an Earth Day sponsor and/or eco-friendly vendor, please download an application at <http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/earthday.asp> or contact the Solid Waste Management office at (209) 577-5494.

**WATER CONSERVATION...**  
**"Reviewing the Basics"**

Spring is right around the corner and you may be starting new gardening projects with the nice sunny weather. Water is one of our most important natural resources; the City of Modesto is focused on reviewing the fundamentals of water conservation.

**"Reviewing the Basics:"**

1. Use water-conserving plants. Choose plants that are naturally adapted to our region's conditions.
2. Group plants wisely. Place thirsty plants together and drought resistant plants elsewhere.
3. Limit turf areas. A lawn requires more irrigation than almost any other landscape feature.
4. Irrigate efficiently. Make sure your watering practices and devices are as efficient as possible.
5. Improve your soil. Routinely cultivate your soil, incorporating organic matter such as compost.
6. Mulch. Apply a layer of organic matter over soil around plants.
7. Control weeds. They absorb water needed by desirable plants.
8. Keep plants healthy. If they are robust, they will be able to withstand dry periods.
9. Care for container plants. Group containers so they shade one another.
10. Follow the year-round watering schedule as shown below:

*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**

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