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City Beat

RECYCLE USING YOUR GREEN CAN

Modesto residents are recycling more than ever these days. All of the "organic" waste placed in the green cans gets recycled into compost at Modesto's Compost Facility.

"Organic" waste includes yard waste, all food waste, cardboard and most paper products such as newspaper, junk mail, magazines, computer paper, phone books, and paper bags.

Non-organic waste is unacceptable in the green can and includes garbage or recyclables, glass, plastic of any kind. Other unacceptable wastes include scrap lumber, wood products, dirt or rocks.

Do not overfill cans; all lids must be completely closed or cans will not be serviced.

Recycling organic material via the green can helps keep the cost of garbage service low and reduces the environmental impact of additional trucks and cans on our streets.

City of Modesto compost is available for purchase by the bag or in bulk. Please call (209) 538-2557 for details.

For more information about recycling, please call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494.

SCHEDULE A BULKY ITEM COLLECTION APPOINTMENT

City of Modesto residents with two can garbage service are allowed two bulky item collection appointments per calendar year. Acceptable bulky items include large appliances, furniture, bicycles and mattresses. Please call your garbage company to schedule your appointment. Items should be placed in the street (not alley) the evening before the scheduled collection date. For more information, or to report a pile left in the street for more than two days, please call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494.

For a complete list of acceptable bulky items, please visit :

<http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/bulkitems.asp>.

USED MOTOR OIL COLLECTION:

If you are a do-it-yourself kind of person and you change your car's motor oil, you can have the motor oil collected at your home for free. Here's how:

- Call your garbage company to pick up the oil at your home: Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000 or Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781.
- Store the used oil in a 1-gallon plastic container with a screw-top lid.
- Place your oil in front of your garage or up near your home the evening before your collection appointment; do NOT place oil in the street or on sidewalk areas. Limit four (4) gallons per week. Please do NOT mix your oil with any other substance such as antifreeze. Oil cannot be recycled if it is mixed with other substances.

For more information, call the Recycle Used Oil Hotline at (209) 577-5493.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

As Americans, we have used fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday since July 4, 1777, just one year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. While fireworks are commonly thought to be patriotic and fun, they can also be dangerous if used improperly. To assist you in using fireworks safely, here are some recommendations:

- Have an adult supervise all fireworks activities.
- Never give fireworks to young children.
- Light fireworks outdoors on a smooth, flat surface away from houses, dry leaves, and flammable materials. Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Treat fireworks carefully. Never carry them in your pocket. Don't throw or point fireworks at other people or pets.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.
- Have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- The person igniting fireworks should never have any part of their body over the firework.
- Homemade fireworks are deadly. Don't attempt to make your own or to alter any devices. Never purchase or use illegal fireworks.
- The Office of the State Fire Marshal is the only fireworks classification authority in California. Only buy fireworks from a vendor that has a California State Fire Marshal license.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONLY SAFE-N-SANE
FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL FOR USE IN THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA.**

Tracie Dutter • Fire Inspector

IMPORTANT INFORMATION HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**Garbage collection will not be affected by
the 4th of July Holiday. All routes will
run as usual.**



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CITY SERVICES

Have you ever wondered what the charges for sewer include on your City of Modesto bill? The City of Modesto Water Quality Control (Wastewater) Division (WQC) treats more than 10 billion gallons of wastewater annually.

In addition to treating wastewater the WQC staff also:

- Provides routine maintenance for over 650 miles of gravity sewer mainlines.
- Performs replacement and emergency repairs to the sewer infrastructure.
- Utilizes a closed circuit television crew (CCTV) to perform routine and emergency video inspections of our sewer lines.
- Maintains 40 sewer pump stations to ensure the wastewater is continuously moving.
- Operates 24 hours a day and 7 days a week to respond to citizen calls.
- Treats and cleans the wastewater before discharge to crop fields or the San Joaquin River.
- Operates an Environmental Compliance responsible for protecting the environment from contamination.

To report a sewer emergency, please contact our WQC team at (209) 577-6200.

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