



April 2016

L♥ve Modesto

April 23

On April 23rd, thousands of local people will come together at one time and place for one purpose; to make our city better.

The vision of Love Modesto is to help change the face and identity of our city, inspiring a renewed love for Modesto by leading community wide volunteer days, ongoing volunteerism, collaboration among leaders and initiatives with neighborhoods, schools and foster care/adoption.

www.lovemodesto.com



Love Modesto started in 2007 at Big Valley Grace Community Church. After extensive dreaming and planning came the first Love Modesto on March 7, 2009. More than 1,200 people showed up to love our city in practical ways. Since that day in 2009, 12 additional Love Modesto events have drawn thousands of locals and more than 50 cities have adopted the Love Modesto model of mobilizing volunteers to give back.

Through this effort 70,500 people have been involved and 250,000 volunteer hours have been donated (equivalent to \$6.5 million dollars in service independentsector.org) to our communities! At these community-wide volunteer days, people engage in a variety of projects; including offering food to the hungry, visiting convalescent homes, donating blood, building a house with Habitat for Humanity, and working in city parks and schools, among other opportunities.

Please get involved in the Love Modesto vision and help change the face of our city. You can find out more and sign up to get involved at lovemodesto.com or by calling 209.566.9343. *City of Modesto billing cycles vary, therefore some events featured in this monthly newsletter may have passed depending on your billing cycle.

Please join us in showing your support of neighbors getting to know each other, making Modesto the "City of Great Neighbors".

- City of Modesto (Police Department, Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods)
- City Ministry Network
- Congregations Building Community (CBC)
- Love Modesto
- Modesto Neighborhoods, Inc.
- Rank Investigations & Protection, Inc.
- Stanislaus County

The images of the house and squares represent you and your neighbors and can be a community-building tool to begin conversations about your neighborhood. It may be helpful to post somewhere convenient and add your neighbors' names and contact information. Your children may want to put their friends' names on it. This graphic is being used nationwide to represent what is called the 'neighboring' movement.

Some Practical Ways to Know Your Neighbors

ENGAGE

- Go for walks around your neighborhood.
- If you run out of a food ingredient, ask your neighbor and offer lending as well.
- Work or do projects in your driveway.
- Sit out on your porch or driveway.
- Initiate a phone/text and/or email directory and give to each of your neighbors.
- Organize a neighborhood yard sale.

FUN

- Block Party (4th of July, National Night Out, Halloween, etc.).
- Have your kids play in the front yard (not just the backyard).
- Play games like basketball, corn hole, etc. in the front yard.
- Movie night in your driveway.
- Firepit and Smores in your driveway.
- Plan a garden tour party.
- Plan a progressive dinner with your neighbors going to each home.

SERVE

- Bake and deliver cookies.
- Mow a neighbor's lawn.
- Help a neighbor with a home project.
- Offer tools and yard equipment.


MEALS

- Informal outside BBQ in the front yard.
- Invite a neighbor family for a meal or drinks ... the best way to connect on a deeper level.

When in doubt, ask your neighbors for ideas!

Modesto, A City of Great Neighbors
Get to know your **NEIGHBORS!**
Fill in their names and information below.

Expanded Used Motor Oil Home Collection

 Modesto Residential Garbage Customers*, If you are a do-it-yourself kind of person and you change your car's motor oil, you can have the motor oil and filter collected at your home for free. It's Free and Easy! The oil and filter will be collected on your garbage service day when you follow these simple steps:

1. Call your garbage company and schedule a collection appointment.
 - Gilton Solid Waste 527-3781 • Bertolotti Disposal 537-8000
2. Pour the oil into a plastic container with a screw-top lid. Do not mix oil with other materials such as antifreeze, brake fluid, or gasoline.
3. Drain the oil filter into the plastic container and place the filter in a plastic zipper bag**.
4. On your appointment day, place oil and filters out no later than 6 a.m. SET THEM ON THE DRIVEWAY, NEAR THE HOUSE, AND NOT AT THE CURB. Limit 4 gallons and 3 oil filters per week.

Do NOT mix your oil with any other substance such as antifreeze. Oil cannot be recycled if it is mixed with other substances. Contaminated oil must be taken to the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1710 Morgan Rd, Fridays and Saturdays 8am – 12pm.

*This program is only available to residential customer with a black and a green garbage container.

**The City of Modesto has used oil containers and filter bags available to Modesto Residents.

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



EARTH DAY
in the park festival
4.23.16

Graceada Park • Needham & Sycamore Avenues • Modesto • 10 am - 4pm

City of Modesto
Waste Tire Recycling Events

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- City of Modesto residents only
- No businesses
- Tires with and without rims - OK
- Car, Truck & Motorcycle Tires - OK
- Up to 9 tires accepted at no charge
- No Commercial or Tractor Tires

WHAT TO DO:

- Call City of Modesto and request a Coupon: **(209) 577-5494**
 - 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
February 1-29 • April 1-30 • June 1-30
August 1-31 • October 1-31 • December 1-31
(Closed Dec. 25)

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

Questions?
Call (209) 577-5494


MODESTO CALIFORNIA



FREE!
BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS

{for Modesto Residents Only}

Sat., May 17, 2016
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
at Modesto Junior College
Community Education
To register,
Call 575-6063



How To Read Your Newly Designed Bill

Welcome to your new bill design! The City of Modesto is committed to providing outstanding customer service as well as implementing new solutions improving the efficiency of our service. Your new bill design features some key elements and enhancements we hope you will find useful.

New Bill Design Includes:

- a** Account Summary
- b** Current Activity Summary
- c** Water Usage History




ACCOUNT SUMMARY
View current as well as balance forward totals

CURRENT ACTIVITY SUMMARY
View a summary of charges (i.e. water, sewer, storm drain and/or garbage if applicable)

WATER USAGE HISTORY
Improved consumption history including a graph featuring current plus twelve months of consumption. Residential customers will also display number of gallons used.

INVOLVED GO GREEN

From Garbage to Garden

SAVE \$5.00
on the purchase of a
City of Modesto compost bin
when you complete the class!
Quantities Limited



SEWER PROBLEMS?
CALL US FIRST
577-6200

Best Management Practices in the Home Garden

Storm drains are intended to drain rain water away from our streets and to prevent flooding. Urban runoff contributes significantly to the pollutants that enter our creeks, rivers, and oceans. By using pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers properly, protecting these materials from rain and wind, and using less toxic chemicals, you can minimize the pollutant potential. Some best management practices (BMPs) for the home garden include:



- Do not over water. Over-watering will cause runoff that carries yard waste, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers into the storm drain system. Conserve water by using irrigation practices such as drip irrigation, soaker hoses, or micro-spray systems.
- Store fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides in a protected area to prevent runoff into the storm drain system. Do not use if rain is expected.
- Use herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers that are organic or non-toxic. Follow all directions on the label for use.
- If a pesticide must be used, use one that is specifically designed to control your pest. The insect should be listed on the label. 90% of the insects on your lawn and garden are not harmful.

Read labels and use only as directed. Many home gardeners use pesticides at over 20 times the rate that farmers do.



For more information, visit modestogov.com/pwd/wastewater/compliance/ or contact the City of Modesto Environmental Services Section 24/7 at (209)577-6200.

Residential Turf Replacement Program

The City of Modesto is offering rebates to our residential water customers who replace their grass with drip-irrigated low water use plants, permeable hardscape, or polyethylene/nylon artificial turf products. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The City reserves the right to terminate this program at any time, for any reason.

Rebate offer

\$.50 per square foot of turf removed, per site with a maximum of \$500.00 per Single-Family residence (equivalent to 1,000 square feet converted area).

Offer is limited to one rebate per City of Modesto water account.

Customers may remove more turf area than is covered by the rebate program but the per-site maximum rebate amount will still apply.

Steps to Apply

1. Submit Application along with your landscape design plans.
2. A Water conservation staff member will call/email you to schedule your Pre-Inspection.
3. If approved, you will receive a Notice to Proceed letter allowing 60 days to complete your conversion.
4. Following your lawn conversion, you may schedule your Post-Inspection by calling: 209-342-2246.
5. Once you have received Final Approval a rebate check will be issued within 4-6 weeks.

For complete guidelines, terms, and conditions, please visit our website at www.modestogov.com/savewater. For more information, please call the City of Modesto Water Conservation Program at (209) 342-2246.

What should you put In Your Green Can?

- Grass
- Leaves
- Plants
- Weeds
- Clippings
- Brush
- Tree Limbs
- Food Scraps
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Paper Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Phone Books
- Cardboard

What should you NOT put In Your Green Can?

- Garbage
- Plastic Bags
- Diapers
- Glass or Metal
- Plastics
- Styrofoam
- Dirt & Rocks
- Concrete or Asphalt
- Wood Scraps
- Wood Products
- Toxic Materials
- TVs or Computers
- Animal Waste
- Dead Animals

Please continue to follow the City of Modesto Watering Schedule.

Water Conservation



City of Modesto Water Conservation:
(209) 342-2246

- Odd-numbered addresses watering day is Sunday
- Even-numbered addresses watering day is Saturday
- Outdoor watering prohibited Saturday & Sunday from 9:00am - 7:00pm
- **No outdoor water use Monday - Friday**
- Hosing any outside areas is prohibited except for health/safety reasons



Drought Stage II-A

PENALTIES FOR WATER WASTE

VIOLATION	FINE
> First Notice of Violation	Written notice of violation, no fine issued
> Second Notice of Violation	\$150.00
> Third Notice of Violation	\$250.00
> Subsequent Violations	\$500.00

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/water/conservation> • State of California website: <http://saveourwater.com>

Water Conservation - Seasonal Tips

- › Make seasonal adjustments to your irrigation timers. Turn timers off and hand-water trees and shrubs as needed during your watering times.
- › Prevent irrigation water from running onto sidewalks, streets and alleys.
- › Do not water outdoors during and after 48 hours following measurable rain - measurable rainfall is one-hundredth (.01) of an inch.
- › Sweep or machine blow to clean driveways, sidewalks, decks, parking lots, etc.
- › Inspect irrigation system regularly for leaks, broken pipes or heads and make repairs immediately.
- › Wrap pipes to prevent freezing.

Drought Stage II-A

For more Water Conservation tips or to view the entire Drought Contingency Plan, please visit our website at: <http://www.modestogov.com/savewater>