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New Technology for Modesto Residents!

Over the past year, City staff has worked to bring innovative solutions to several city services and departments, gathering information from residents and industry leaders in the process. The official city services mobile app, GoModesto!, was launched in May. The app, which is downloadable for free on Android and iPhones, allows residents to submit a number of service requests instantly to city departments to quickly address concerns. It also links users to city news, job opportunities, transit routes, city council member information, events/classes and more.

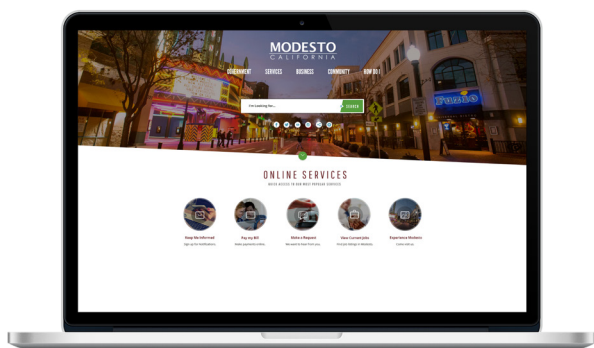
In July, the City unveiled a new website. The web redesign project was a time intensive renovation that included roughly twelve hundred pages of content and lasted the better part of a year. IT staff looked critically at website analytics to ensure the new site would make all of the most sought after information readily available. The website features an easy to navigate home page, responsive design, highly searchable interface and improved organization. Residents can subscribe to news from the city and watch council meetings live through a webcast. We have included a comprehensive calendar of city events and public meetings. The website will keep the same URL www.modestogov.com.



Customer convenience was a key factor in developing the new website and mobile app. These tools offer residents the convenience of connecting with the City from their homes and while on the go. We believe that it's important to meet citizens where they are, look for ways to improve city efficiency, relevance and innovation, in approaching and supporting residents' needs.

The City of Modesto is committed to Effective, Responsive and Transparent Government. We are continuously looking to develop new and creative strategies to leverage technology in ways that connect the community to city services and enhance communication. We know that Modesto residents are ready for a fundamental shift in the way they connect with city government and we want to be agile enough to shift with you.

If you have any feedback or ideas for the new app or website, please email them to avickery@modestogov.com



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Sit under the stars with your family and friends and spend a relaxing Friday evening with a great film at Mancini Bowl in Graceada Park. Enjoy free Family films. Movies begin at dusk. This is a non-fee program.

- Aug 19: Minions
- Aug 26: Inside Out
- Sept 2: Hotel Transylvania
- Sept 9: Norm of the North
- Sept 16: Zootopia
- Sept 23: The Good Dinosaur

Disclaimer: The City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department reserves the right to cancel, change the date and time, change titles or make revisions that may be necessary. To verify movie titles and dates, call 577-5344.





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Water Conservation Rebate Programs



Save Water. Save Money
 City of Modesto water customers may be eligible for new water conservation rebate programs. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

**Smart Controller • Sprinkler Nozzle Replacement • Drip Irrigation
 Rain Barrel • Turf Replacement • Toilet & Clothes Washer Rebates**

Applications available online or via phone

www.modestogov.com/savewater (209) 342-2246

State of California rebates also available visit www.saveourwaterrebates.com

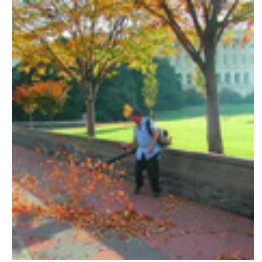
City of Modesto Water Division
 (209) 342-2246 | www.modestogov.com/savewater
 For more information, terms and conditions visit us online.

Don't Leave Grass Clippings and Leaves in Gutters

Join the City of Modesto Environmental Services and Stormwater Collections Sections in keeping grass clippings off the streets and out of the gutters.

Grass clippings placed in the road:

- Are unsightly
- Endangers aquatic life
- Clogs storm drains
- Causes flooding
- Can lead to fines
- Increases maintenance costs for taxpayers



The City of Modesto prohibits washing, sweeping or blowing vegetative debris into storm drains, ditches, waterbodies, sidewalks, and gutters. With the exception of leaf season (November 1st – December 31st), no method shall be used to blow or move any non-pruned refuse (including grass clippings and leaves) into the streets at any time. Grass clippings shall always be placed into the green waste container for pickup.

When it rains, grass clippings and other vegetative debris are washed down our storm drains and into our stormwater collection system. If this material does not clog up the system, it often ends up in stormwater basins, creeks, or rivers where they start to decay. This process consumes oxygen in the water while releasing nutrients and it can lead to algae blooms and kill fish.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Modesto Environmental Services Section 24/7 at 577-6200.



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BUSINESS Recycling AWARDS

We want to honor your **Green** business in Modesto!

Categories:

- Small Business - under 20 employees
- Medium Business - 21-100 employees
- Large Business - over 100 employees

If selected, what do you win?

Recognition at a Modesto City Council meeting

A reception in your honor

Available now: City of Modesto Business Recycling Awards applications

For more information contact,

Vicki Rice at 209.577.5495 or vrice@modestogov.com

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 (CalRecycle)

Questions?
 Call **(209) 577-5494**

**SEWER PROBLEMS?
 CALL US FIRST
 577-6200**

Pollution Prevention Begins with You...

National Pollution Prevention Week will be celebrated September 19 through September 23

The City of Modesto has these pollution prevention tips for you:

Keep Our Storm Drains Clean & Our Water Flowing

- When changing your car oil, place cardboard or newspaper under the oil pan to catch spills.
- Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to clean up spills. Inspect your car regularly for leakage.
- Drain chlorinated pool or spa water using a house sewer drain (bathtub or sink) or sewer outlet near your house.
- Rinse paint brushes in the sink when using water-based latex paint.
- Use non-toxic alternatives to pesticides and organic gardening materials when possible. Use herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Do not apply these products when rain is in the forecast.
- Sweep driveways, patios and sidewalks. Place debris in the garbage rather than using a hose to rinse it into gutters and storm drains.
- Pick up animal waste regularly, dispose of it in a plastic bag and place the bag in the black garbage can.
- Do not throw cooking oil/grease down the drain. Instead freeze it and place it in your black garbage can for disposal.



Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling

Curbside motor oil recycling is as easy as 1-2-3-4:

1. Contact your garbage company [Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000 or Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781] to schedule a collection appointment.
2. Pour the used motor oil into 1-gallon plastic containers with a screw-top lid.
3. Drain the Filter into the oil containers, then place in a zippered bag.
4. Place the used motor oil and filter in front of your garage the evening before your collection appointment.

Do not place the used motor oil or filters in the street for collection. Limit 4 gallons and 3 filters per week. Do not mix used motor oil with any other substances such as antifreeze or water.

Certified Collection Centers will pay you for used motor oil and most will take your used filter for recycling at no charge. Up to five gallons of used motor oil can be taken to any free collection center. For more information, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.



Household Hazardous Waste

All residents of Stanislaus County can recycle household hazardous waste products free of charge at the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Acceptable items include:

Antifreeze	Gasoline
Batteries	Fertilizers and Pesticides
Brake Fluid	Monitors
Computers	Motor Oil & Oil Filters
Drain Cleaners	Paints
Electronic Equipment	Pool & Spa Chemicals
Solvents	Televisions

The facility is located at 1710 Morgan Road and is open Fridays and Saturdays (excluding major holidays) from 8am-12:00pm. For more information, call (209) 525-6789.

Remember: Storm drains flow directly into our waterways and oceans. For more information or to report dumping in storm drains, call (209) 577-6200.

Visit the City of Modesto's pollution prevention display at City Hall, 1010 Tenth Street, 2nd floor lobby, September 19 through September 23 and the City of Modesto Recycling Booth at the Modesto Home Improvement Show September 23-25. Brochures and pollution prevention ideas will be available at both locations.

The City of Modesto has a limited supply of used motor oil drain containers and zippered bags for filter recycling available for City of Modesto residents that have a black and a green garbage can. For more information, please call (209) 577-5493.

RIDE MAX EVERY 15 MINUTES!

New Route #23 Downtown to Bangs, combines with Route 22 to offer service **every 15 minutes** on McHenry and J Street. Route 21 on Paradise and Robertson Roads is also every 15 minutes!

For more information, visit modestoarexpress.com or call (209) 521-1274. Bus routes also available on new city services mobile app, GoModesto! available in app stores now.

