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City Beat

CITY OF MODESTO

JUNE 2015



City Council implemented the **Drought Stage II** requirements of the City of Modesto Drought Contingency Plan at the Council Meeting on April 28, 2015 to be **effective May 1, 2015**. Below are the watering restrictions and associated fees for violation of these restrictions:

Outdoor water use prohibited daily from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- Odd-numbered addresses water Wednesday, Sunday
- Even-numbered addresses water, Tuesday, Saturday
- No outdoor water use on Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays
- Car washing subject to above-cited limitations with use of a positive shutoff nozzle
- Hosing concrete areas, building exteriors, etc., is prohibited except for health/safety concerns and only with use of a positive shutoff nozzle
- Water leaks, once identified by home owner, must be repaired within 24 hours
- Restaurants and food service establishments prohibited from serving water except upon request
- New landscaping to comply with existing & future landscape ordinances
- Mandatory retrofit of low flow showerheads in homes when building remodeling occurs
- No use of outdoor fountains except for maintenance purposes
- Water meter installation on all new single-family homes
- No irrigating turf or ornamental landscapes during and 48 hours following measureable rain
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option
- \$150 Administrative Fee assessed upon 2nd violation
- \$250 Administrative Fee assessed upon 3rd violation (includes meter installation)
- \$500 Administrative Fee assessed for each subsequent violation

I WANT YOU TO RECYCLE USED OIL FILTERS!

**BRING IN A USED OIL FILTER
ON July 10, July 11, or July 12
AND GET A NEW ONE - FREE!**

**Offer good at participating O'Reilly's and AutoZone
auto parts stores. For details call 577-5493**

***Conditions:**

- Limit one filter per person per event
- Maximum filter value cannot exceed \$12.99
- Passenger vehicle and light truck filters only
- Individuals only, no businesses may participate
- Replacement oil filters shall be "off the shelf" and of standard quality
- Replacement filters are limited to stock on-hand, no special orders
- No premium oil filters will be issued
- Filters may not be returned for refund and may only be exchanged for another oil filter

MODесто BUSINESSES ARE GOING GREEN!

**SINCE THE FALL OF 2007,
WE HAVE RECYCLED
OVER
4,791 TONS
OF FOOD WASTE.**

THANKS TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE CITY OF MODESTO AND HAVE GONE GREEN BY RECYCLING FOOD WASTE!

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON
THIS PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT:
Vicki Rice, Recycling Program Coordinator
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Protect Our Rivers and Waterways – Please Don't Drain Your Pool Into the Gutter

Modesto has two drainage systems, the sewers and the storm drains. Storm drains are intended to drain rain water away from our streets and to prevent flooding. Because the system contains no filters, it serves the unintended purpose of carrying urban pollution straight to our rivers and eventually the ocean. Chlorine and other pool chemicals along with oil, paint, pet wastes, pesticides, litter and automotive fluids contaminate our rivers, harm aquatic life, and increase the risk of flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.


What can you do to keep our rivers and waterways free of pollutants? Follow the Best Management Practices detailed below when draining your pool, spa, or fountain:

Per Modesto regulations, MMC 5-10.201(f), you may never drain your pool water into the street or storm drain system, even if the water is dechlorinated.


- Always drain your residential pool water into a sewer line. For convenience, use the sewer clean out connection in your yard, generally located near a hose bib close to the house.
- You can also access the sewer system drain in your toilet, bathtub or sink inside your home. Be cautious that you do not flood your home if you use this option. You may need to slow down the pump.
- If you are unable to locate the sewer clean out, you can drain your pool water into a vegetated area, but be advised that chemicals may be very harmful to your landscaping. Ensure that the water does not flow into the street or alley.

For further information contact City of Modesto Environmental Services Section 24/7 at (209)577-6200 or visit our website at <http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/wastewater/compliance/>





National Night Out Tuesday August 4th



**For more information call Modesto Police Department,
Rosie Garcia 572-9636 or Stephany Valadez 572-9639**

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Contents: Composted Yard Waste, Paper and Food Waste

Quality Organic Compost
1 cu. ft. bags - \$3.25 (tax inc)
Bulk sales- call for pricing

Senior Citizens Center
Bag purchase available March 17 - November 14
211 Bodem St.
Monday: 10am-1pm
Tues-Friday: 9am-1pm

Modesto's Compost Facility
Bag or bulk purchase available all year round
7001 Jennings Rd.
571-5144
Mon thru Fri 8am-3:30pm



**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION ****

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Independence Day falls on a Saturday this year. All garbage routes will run as normal for the 4th of July holiday.

Water Conservation Tips

1. As a rule, water in 5-minute cycles.
2. Turn off automatic sprinklers when it rains; most automatic sprinkler systems have a rain delay mode or can be put in the "OFF" position without affecting the programming.
3. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants; this slows evaporation of moisture and, as a bonus, discourages weed growth and soil erosion.
4. Check for leaking pipes and faucets; small leaks that are not repaired immediately can waste more than 50 gallons of water a day, or 2,500 gallons per year.
5. Check for toilet tank leaks; place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank, if you see the food coloring seep into the bowl, you have a leak.
6. Install low-flow shower heads; they can save up to eight gallons of water each minute the shower is used, or 4,800 gallons per person each year.
7. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
8. Wash only full loads in your washing machine.

Got Waste Tires?

Call the City of Modesto for a **FREE Recycling Coupon**

209 577-5494

*restrictions & conditions apply

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 1-28 • April 1-30 • June 1-30
(Closed April 20)

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

Questions?
Call (209) 577-5494





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141st Annual 4th of July Celebration

Since 1874, the City of Modesto has celebrated the 4th of July with a glamorous parade through our historic downtown. Organized by Modesto Kiwanis Club, the 2015 parade has a new theme, "Let Freedom Ring!"

This will be the second year that the parade recognizes non-profits as its Grand Marshalls, which include the Modesto Police Activities League, Sierra Vista Child & Family Services, and YES Company.

The parade kicks off at 9:30 am. Arrive early and secure your spot in the shade. For

the early birds, food trucks will be open at 7am in front of the Gallo Center. After the procession, parade winners will be announced in front of the Brenden Theatre on 10th Street.

Anyone age 1-100 who was born on the 4th of July is invited to join the 22nd annual float by emailing Sarah Griffin at july4thbabies@gmail.com or calling (209) 247-5441.

For more information regarding the parade, please visit <http://www.modestojulyparade.com>.



Firework Safety Tips

- A responsible adult SHOULD supervise all firework activities. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

Celebrate Safely: Buy Legal Fireworks

This year, the Modesto Fire Department urges you to celebrate safely and avoid penalties by purchasing and using legal fireworks only.

The minimum fine for illegal and dangerous fireworks is \$1000. Dangerous fireworks are those that explode or propel themselves into the air, such as M-80s and bottle rockets. Authorities have the option of issuing more severe penalties, up to and including imprisonment.

The State of California limits the sale of consumer fireworks to State Fire Marshal approved "Safe-n-Sane" fireworks. They can be purchased by the public at fireworks stands from June 28th through July 6th of each year.



Vibrant Infrastructure & Sustainable Environment

Strengthen and maintain a safe infrastructure of city roads, water supply, storm sewers, transit and airport needs for residents, businesses and visitors.

- Maintain the current (PCI) Rating
- Effectively plan and manage infrastructure assets
- Enhance regional partnerships to effectively manage all water resources in the County
- Expand alternative modes of travel and improve transportation flow
- Explore opportunities for regional cooperation and service delivery



Great Safe Neighborhoods

Explore new approaches to public safety, working in partnership with the community to reduce crime and maintain a safe and inviting community in which to live, work and play. Increase collaboration with neighborhoods and school district(s) to achieve quality of life improvements, and safe neighborhoods through supporting community self-reliance, problem solving and public/private partnerships.

- Explore progressive crime and fire prevention techniques
- Ensure the effective use and efficient deployment of public safety resources based on local need
- Increase public safety coordination and communication among all city departments
- Grow neighborhood leadership and capacity and identify self-help strategies to strengthen neighborhoods
- Support positive youth activities and engagement
- Increase public awareness of city-provided services and partnership opportunities
- Create additional strategic objective on implementing best practices (homeless; tagging)



Effective Responsive & Transparent Government

Enhance the organizations' commitment to the 9 principles of EMBRACE IT, develop new and creative methods to leverage technology, market organizational strengths and remain dedicated to seeking efficiencies and continuous improvement.

- Enhance the marketing of City services and accomplishments
- Improve teamwork through enhanced Council, executive level, and staff communication channels
- Make Modesto an employer of choice
- Make informed decisions embracing best practices and continuous improvement
- Implement technology solutions for improved efficiency and service delivery



Healthy Economy & Great Quality Of Life

Increase the City's proactive economic development efforts by creating and preserving jobs, strengthening our economic base and enhancing the City's revenue base.

- Adopt a revised comprehensive General Plan
- Promote new and expanding businesses through targeted incentives
- Adopt a proactive approach for bringing utilities to identified business development areas
- Leverage the airport as a regional asset to encourage economic development