

# City Beat

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## Year-round *watering schedule* for City of Modesto customers.

### DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Modesto Water Division will mail the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) the last week of June. This report tells you what is in your drinking water and where your drinking water comes from. The report is a requirement of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and covers the water quality testing data for the calendar year from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

	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.

## Black or Green?

Which can does it go in?

The City of Modesto offers residents a two can garbage system. The contents from the black can goes to a Waste-to-Energy plant and is burned to make electricity. The contents from the green can goes to the City's compost facility and is recycled into a rich soil amendment.

### GARBAGE CAN (BLACK)

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Household garbage or trash
- Diapers
- Plastic bags or packaging
- Polystyrene items
- Bottles or cans\*
- Animal waste or litter box debris
- Flocked or treated holiday trees
- Wood or lumber (small pieces only)

PLEASE NO:

- Yard waste of any kind
- Hazardous, toxic or e-waste
- Furniture or large items
- Dirt, rocks, concrete, or asphalt
- Garbage cans over 100 lbs.
- Overfull cans – lids must be completely closed

\*Please recycle CRV bottles and cans at a local buy-back center

**Questions?**

Call the Solid Waste Office  
 at (209) 577-5494.

### ORGANIC WASTE CAN (GREEN)

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Paper products - newspaper, junk mail, shredded paper, magazines, phone books, tea bags, coffee filters, paper towels, paper napkins & paper plates
- Cardboard
- Food waste, including meat & bones
- Grass, leaves & plant clippings
- Cut brush & tree limbs

PLEASE NO:

- Household garbage or trash
- Plastic bags or polystyrene items
- Diapers
- Animal waste or litter box debris
- Bottles or cans\*
- Wood or lumber
- Dirt, rocks, concrete, or asphalt
- Flocked or treated holiday trees
- Hazardous, toxic or e-waste
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# I WANT YOU TO RECYCLE USED OIL FILTERS



## This July, Celebrate Your "Do It Yourself" Independence

On any Saturday or Sunday in July, recycle a used oil filter at a participating location and receive a new comparable oil filter FREE!

Visit any AutoZone or Kragen Auto Parts within Stanislaus County to participate!

For more information,  
call the City of Modesto  
at (209) 577-5493.

Conditions apply: See participating auto parts stores for details. Limit one (1) filter (valued up to \$14.99) per customer, per event.

Passenger and light truck oil filters ONLY.

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



## Modesto Composting

How Does Your Garden Grow?

# Mo-Gro Pro

Quality Organic Compost  
Now Available in 1 Cu. Ft. Bags!

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to Noon  
thru November

Senior Citizens Center  
211 Bodem Street

\$3.00 (plus tax)

(209) 538-2557



## Keep Storm Drains Clear of Pollutants and Debris

Did you know that it is illegal to wash vehicles or clean garbage cans in driveways or gutters? The soapy, trash-filled water flows into city storm drains. City storm drains lead back to creeks, rivers, and ground wells. This soapy, trash-filled water can harm our environment and potentially impact drinking water.

### Vehicles:

To prevent discharge of soapy water to storm drains, clean your vehicle on a grassy area of your yard or take it to a car wash.

### Garbage Cans:

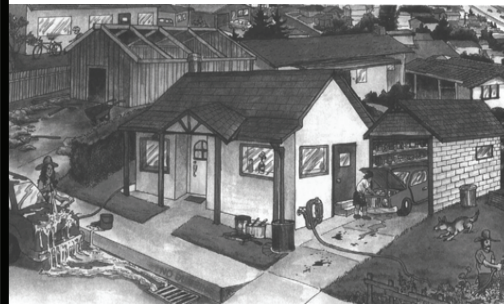
*Residential:* Find an unused space in your yard where you can rinse your garbage cans and empty the wash water onto the area. The water will not harm the grass or soil. Any solid material that may be washed out of the cans may be collected with a rake. Properly dispose of the waste in a paper or plastic bag and place it back into your garbage can.

*Businesses:* Contact your garbage hauler to exchange your dumpster for a clean one (NOTE: there will be a fee for this service). Clean spills with absorbent materials such as kitty litter or sand instead of hosing it into a storm drain.

For more information, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.

To report illegal dumping into a storm drain, call the Storm Water Collections Division at (209) 577-6200.

## Pollution Prevention Begins on Your Street



Can you find the activities in the picture that contribute to water pollution?

Report polluters to the City of Modesto Storm Drain Division at  
(209) 577-6200.



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