



April 2017

## Amgen Tour of California

The Race Returns to Modesto! Amgen Tour of California will make its way through downtown Modesto on May 15th, featuring a Health & Wellness Lifestyle Festival and Men's Stage II Race Start on I street in front of the Gallo Center for the Arts. Riders will make two circuits through downtown before passing Modesto High school and leaving town headed south to Patterson.

Once through Patterson, leaving the flatlands behind, they will start the first of six King of the Mountain climbs up Del Puerto Canyon. Riders will climb about 9,000 feet during the stage, as well as contest two sprints. Stage II ends in San Jose, retuning as a Host City for the eleventh time, an all-time race record.

The Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race created and presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course that traverses hundreds of miles of California's iconic highways, byways and coastlines each spring. The teams chosen to participate have included Olympic medalists, Tour de France contenders and World Champions. Fans and riders alike will be happy to see America's most prestigious race return to Modesto for the fifth time.

The action begins at 10 am on May 15th. We hope to see a big show of support! Also, we are in need of Lifestyle Festival Vendors and Volunteers. Information available at [modestogov.com/AmgenTOC](http://modestogov.com/AmgenTOC)



AMGEN TOUR of CALIFORNIA **MAY 15**

Bike to Work Day **MAY 18**

Family Cycling Festival & Criterium **MAY 20**

[modestogov.com/bike-month](http://modestogov.com/bike-month)

## Teacher of the Month

**Nicki Harmon - Agnes Baptist Elementary School!**

"Mrs. Harmon has only been teaching for two years, but has made a significant impact in a short time. She has been utilizing the "Project Lead The Way" curriculum with great success assisting students as they lead their own learning through project-based activities. Her love for children shows, not only in the classroom, but with prior experience as a pre-school teacher and additional activity with her local church. Please congratulate Mrs. Harmon as our Teacher of the Month!"



To nominate an outstanding teacher you know, please visit [LoveModesto.com](http://LoveModesto.com)

# April 8

LoveModesto.com

# May is Bike Month in Modesto!

## Bike to Work Day - May 18

Local cyclists are encouraged to participate in Bike to Work Day and commute by bicycle into downtown Modesto. Last year, there were dozens of riders who chose to ditch the car in the driveway and cycle to work. Enjoy a light breakfast and mini vendor fair at the downtown Tenth Street Plaza. Commute by bicycle to Tenth Street Plaza, 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto.

*\*Free T-Shirts & Prizes while supplies last*

Bike to Work with Mayor Brandvold  
Come one, come all!

Start: Village Baking Company & Cafe  
McHenry Village  
Meet: 6:00AM | Depart: 6:30AM  
Finish: City Hall, 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto



## Modesto Family Cycling Festival & Criterium - May 20

Family Cycling Festival & Criterium on I Street, between 10th & 12th streets, will transform downtown into an event like no other. Vendor booths, bicycle helmet giveaways, BMX bike demos, races and other festivities will start at 10:00 a.m. Also at 10, the Community Bike Ride will be led by the Stanislaus County Bike Club breaking in the new route from MJC East to West Campus and finishing downtown, at the I Street Cycling Festival. For those wanting a shorter ride the Bike Club will also lead a straight ride from Modesto Junior College East Campus to the Festival.

Bicycle safety and education are emphasized. This event is hosted by the City of Modesto and participating sponsors, including numerous local businesses and organizations. Hundreds of helmets are fitted by healthcare professionals from local hospitals and given at no charge to local children.

- Free Prize Drawings & Free Helmets fitted for children
- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Rock Climbing
- Interactive Public Works equipment display
- Safe Kids Stanislaus Day Safety games & activities
- BMX Stunt Team (10:30, 12:00, and 2:00)

Kids who ride their bikes will enjoy an obstacle course and free bike licensing. For information contact 577-5295, option 3 or visit [modestogov.com/bike-month](http://modestogov.com/bike-month).

The Modesto Downtown Criterium, hosted by Ciccarelli Enterprises, [Ciccarelli@live.com](mailto:Ciccarelli@live.com), features fast-paced racing throughout Downtown. Criterium races begin at the corner of 13th and I Streets.



## Used Motor Oil Home Pick Up:

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 picked up at your home for free. It's Free and Easy! The oil and filter will be picked up on your garbage service day when you follow these simple steps:

1. Call your garbage company and schedule a pick up 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 customers 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.

Funded by CalRecycle

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017**

City of Modesto Sponsored  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**  
**8:30am to 11:00am or until full**  
King Kennedy Memorial Center  
601 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Modesto, CA



**ACCEPTED ITEMS**

Antifreeze	Fertilizers	Pesticides
Aerosol products	Gasoline/Diesel fuel	Pool/Spa chemicals
Batteries (all)	Herbicides	Propane cylinders
Brake fluid	Kerosene	Road flares
Carburetor cleaner	Mercury thermostats	Roofing tar
Charcoal lighter fluid	Mercury thermometers	Syringes
Drain cleaners	Paint/Paint thinner	Used motor oil/Filters

No containers larger than 5 gallons. No empty containers.  
No electronic waste.  
No light bulbs. No explosives. No ammunition.  
No compressed gas cylinders.  
No tires. No business waste. No medications  
Syringes must be in a ridged container

Stanislaus County Residents Only.  
No more than 125 lbs or 15 gallons of waste accepted.  
All containers must be properly sealed.

**DO NOT LEAVE MATERIALS UNATTENDED. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.**

QUESTIONS? CALL 577-5493  
FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM CALRECYCLE 

**FREE!**  
**BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS**

(for Modesto Residents Only)  
**Tues., May 16, 2017**  
**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
at Modesto Junior College  
Community Education  
To register,  
**Call 575-6063**



*From Garbage to Garden*

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




## 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](http://www.modestogov.com/savewater)  (209) 342-2246

State of California rebates also available visit [www.saveourwaterrebates.com](http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com)

**City of Modesto Water Division**  
(209) 342-2246 | [www.modestogov.com/savewater](http://www.modestogov.com/savewater)

\* Toilet & Clothes Washer Rebates not available for commercial properties. For more information, terms and conditions visit us online.

**R E C Y C L E**

**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

# 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 16)

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

Questions?  
Call (209) 577-5494



## 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/518/Environmental-Service](http://modestogov.com/518/Environmental-Service) or contact the City of Modesto Environmental Services Section 24/7 at (209) 577-6200.

# Earth Day

In the park festival!

## Graceada Park

10 am - 4 pm  
APRIL 22, 2017

### "B Green" Recycling Event

Free Paper Shredding • Free Electronic Waste & CRV Recycling  
Limit 6 Record Boxes No Binders

### TRASH-FORMATION ART CONTEST

FOOD • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • GREEN EDUCATION

[www.modestogov.com/earthday](http://www.modestogov.com/earthday)

## FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING BUCKET

From your garbage to our gardens!

**CITY OF MODESTO RESIDENTS ONLY**

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Call your garbage service provider and request a bucket to be delivered FREE of charge to your residence

Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781  
Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000

Or call the City of Modesto and request to pick one up at 1010 Tenth Street Place (209) 577-5494

Save your food scraps in your bucket and empty into your green can.

## Tell Us How We're Doing

Your feedback is very important to us. Please take a moment to complete our online survey.

# PERFORMANCE MATTERS

Customer Services Division  
Online Survey

[modestogov.com/customer-survey](http://modestogov.com/customer-survey)