



Garbage and Recycling Opportunities Abound!

The City of Modesto offers residents a variety of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste items! The following is a summary of the garbage and recycling programs available to Modesto residents and businesses.

“Residential” customers have black garbage and green yard waste container while “commercial” customers have dumpsters.

Blue Bag Recycling (residential)

Residents place their recyclables into blue plastic bags and toss them into the black garbage can along with household garbage.



Blue bag items include glass and plastic bottles and jars, aluminum and bi-metal cans, cardboard and chipboard, and paper products such as newspaper, junk mail, computer paper, phone books, magazines, etc. Rolls of free bags are available throughout the community, or use the blue carry-out bags from your local grocer.

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Bulky Item Collection (residential)

Modesto residents can dispose of large household items at the curb two times per calendar year for free. Call your garbage company for an appointment; place the items in the street the night before the



appointment. No items will be picked up without an appointment. For safety purposes, remove all appliance doors. Take care not to block fire hydrants, storm drains, etc. Call 577-5494 for program restrictions.

Yard Waste – Food Waste – Compost (residential)

Residents can fill their green yard waste containers with small prunings, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, and even food waste! All the material is sent to the City’s Compost Facility for processing into Mo-Gro-Pro. Please do not put plastic bags, dirt, sod, rocks, concrete, animal feces, household garbage or wood in your green container.



Pruned Refuse – Leaf Collection (residential)

Large prunings are picked up monthly from your street or alley. Prunings should be less than six feet in length and no single piece should weigh over 50 pounds. In areas without alleys, material should be placed out the Friday–Sunday before the 1st Monday of each month. In alley areas, materials should be placed out the Friday - Sunday before the 3rd Monday of each month. Place materials one foot from the curb or fence. No dirt, sod, grass clippings or concrete will be picked up.

December is leaf season only; no pruned refuse will be collected. Leaves are collected from the street only. Piles of leaves with pruned refuse mixed in will not be collected. Please contact the Forestry Office at 342-2249 with your questions.

Cathode Ray Tubes (residential & commercial)

Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) are found in televisions and computer monitors and are considered hazardous due to their high lead content. Modesto residents and businesses can safely dispose of them by calling their garbage company and requesting a CRT coupon. Residents can dispose of 2 and businesses can dispose of 4 per calendar year.



Used Oil Recycling (residential)

Modesto residents can recycle up to four gallons of used oil each week, free. Collection is by appointment only. Please call your garbage company and make an appointment.

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Run-Off Election Results

City Council Chair 4:

Will O’Bryant

City Council Chair 5:

Kristin Olsen

Winter/Spring Activity Guides

The Winter/Spring 2006 Activity Guide will be available January 9, 2006. Online registration begins January 16.

Pick up your copy of the Activity Guide at: City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department
1010 Tenth Street
Suite 4400

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Habitat for Humanity ReStore

The ReStore accepts donated new and used construction and building materials of all kinds from businesses and residents alike. Whatever can't be used in one of their construction projects goes on sale in the ReStore below retail value! So don't throw it away... donate it and support the Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Looking for windows, doors, cabinets, carpeting, PVC fittings, sinks, gate hinges, or flooring made from ceramic, hard wood or tile? They have it all and then some, all at reduced prices. The ReStore has sold over 100 tons of building materials in the last year; that's 100 tons that would have gone to the landfill! Remember, REUSE is the best form of RECYCLING!

Everybody wins at the ReStore! Don't miss this great opportunity to see for yourself. The ReStore is located at 423 7th Street, Modesto (Between D & E Streets) and is open Tues. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Questions? Call 572-2060.

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Pour the oil into a plastic container with a screw-top lid. Do not mix the oil with any other materials. Place the jugs on your driveway near your house or garage, NOT AT CURBSIDE, by 6 a.m. on the appointed day. Residents can also recycle used oil at any of Modesto's Certified Collection Centers. Call 577-5493 for details.

Household Hazardous Waste (residential & commercial)

All area residents and "registered small quantity generator businesses" can dispose of hazardous materials at the Stanislaus County HHW Facility. Materials such as paint, solvents, used oil, batteries, brake fluid and antifreeze, cannot be put in the garbage and must be handled properly. The Facility, located at 1716 Morgan Road, is open each

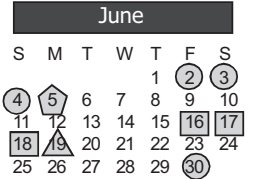
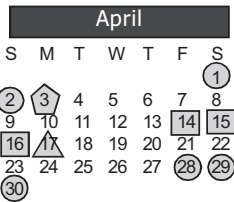
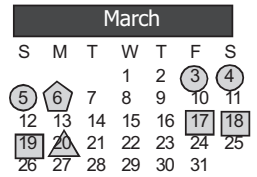
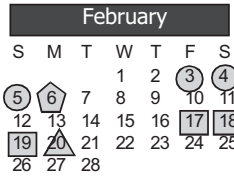
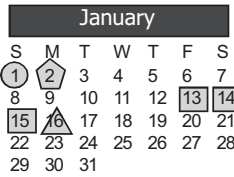
Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for free residential disposal. Please call 525-4123 for more information.

Several other waste reduction and recycling programs are available to local residential and commercial garbage customers. Please contact the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494 with questions regarding any of the programs mentioned.

2006 YARD TRIMMING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The calendar below provides you with specific information about when you should place your Yard Trimming out for collection. Trimmings are only collected once a month. Remember, it takes approximately two weeks for crews to pick up your collection area.

Key for Street Collection	Only days you may place your trimmings out on the STREET for collection.	Key for Alley Collection	Only days you may place your trimmings out on the ALLEY for collection.
	Day crews start to pick up STREET collection (First Monday of Month)		Day crews start to pick up ALLEY collection (Third Monday of Month)



December 2006. Leaves picked up only. No yard trimmings. Leaves will be collected from STREETS only. No plastic bags, boxes, etc. For further information or questions regarding this schedule, please call the Community Forestry Division at 342-2249.

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Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If Your Address Is...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
Midnight to Noon	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
Noon to 7 PM	DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!						
7 PM to Midnight	WATER	DO NOT 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 regarding water conservation call (209) 342-4580.

To report water waste, call (209) 571-5103.



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Conserve Water:

Please Turn Off Your Sprinklers When It Rains

- Adjust the clock of your automatic watering system to fit the needs of your lawn! Your lawn will need less water when it starts to cool off.
- Do not water in the middle of the day or during windy and rainy conditions. Remember, during the fall and winter your lawn is semi-dormant and needs very little added water. Learn to adjust your irrigation timers to save water during the rainy season.
- Occasional watering through the winter is needed for evergreens during dry periods.
- Consider aerating your lawn and yard to keep the soil porous. Applying fine humus or mulch over the lawn will increase moisture holding ability in the soil. About 1/8 to 1/4 inch at a time will help.
- Wrap and insulate outdoor plumbing to protect from freezing – newspaper, old towels or rags wrapped with duct tape. Hardware stores carry insulation wrap for outdoor plumbing.

Remember the water restrictions are year round for the City of Modesto customers.

Watering permit: 577-5250

Report water waste: 571-5103

Water Conservation tips: 342-4580

Request assistance with setting automatic sprinkler timers: 342-4580

ZONE 40

Stanislaus Enterprise Zone

The California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) recently designated Modesto as part of the newest Enterprise Zone (EZ). Effective November 16, 2005, the 15-year state program seeks to encourage business investment and job creation through tax incentives for new and existing businesses.

The Stanislaus Enterprise Zone, otherwise known as Zone 40, incorporates parts of Modesto, Turlock, Ceres and the County, and has over 4,200 businesses located within its boundaries. It now joins 39 other existing zones in California, and will offer the following incentives to businesses:

- Tax credits for each qualified employee hired;
- Sales tax credits on qualified machinery and parts purchases;
- Up-front expensing of certain depreciable property;
- Preference points on state contracts if the business is within the zone;
- Up to 100% Net Operating Loss (NOL) carry-forward.

These incentives are in addition to those already offered by the City of Modesto including:

- Local Incentive Zone: rebates the Water Main Connection Charge, and building inspection and plan checking fees based on qualifying conditions within the City.
- CFF Deferral: New industrial and commercial projects within the City limits can defer CFF fees for up to 10 years based on qualifying conditions.

For more information:

City of Modesto (EZ info, local incentives, assistance)
209-577-5324; www.choosemodesto.com

City of Modesto GIS (EZ boundary map)
www.modestogov.com/gis

The Alliance (Hiring tax credit voucher)
209-523-ZONE (523-9663); www.stanalliance.com

Franchise Tax Board (Sales & Use tax credit info/forms)
www.ftb.ca.gov

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Recycling those extras from the holidays!

Wondering what to do with some of those presents you just got? What about the extra stuff in your closets, spare room or garage? Don't throw them away, Freecycle them!

Log onto www.freecycle.org, get registered and start freecycling. List items you want to get rid of and shop for items you need...free!

The website is free, the listings are free and all items are to be given away for free, no sales. Remember, reuse is the best form of recycling!



Start the New Year at your library!

A good start to the new year begins with a visit to your library! Library cards are FREE, and while supplies last, new cardholders will receive a 2006 calendar card.

At your library, you'll find the information you need, books, books on tape/CD, videos, magazines, StoryTimes for children and computer classes for adults. A library card even gives you convenient access from home to premium online services available only to cardholders.

Apply for a card online at www.stanislauslibrary.org or visit your library today!

Did You Know...

...garbage cans may not be placed on the sidewalk at any time?

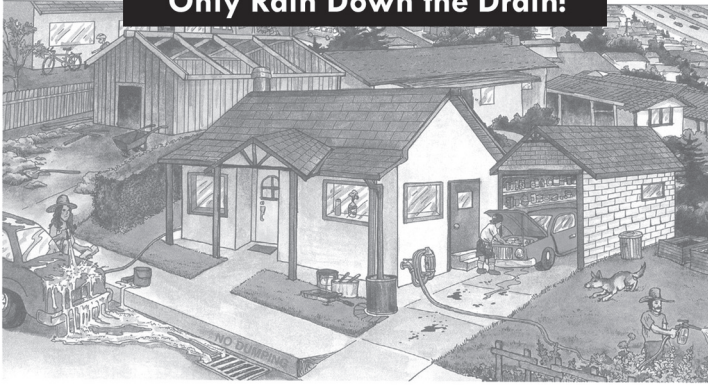
The City of Modesto Municipal Code requires that on garbage collection days...garbage cans be placed in the street on the asphalt next to the curb, or on the edge of the driveway apron in areas where alleys do not exist.

For safety reasons it is important that our sidewalks remain clear from obstructions especially during these months of heavier traffic. Pedestrians, parents pushing strollers and handi-capped residents have the right-of-way on sidewalks, so it is important to keep sidewalks clear.



Help make our community a safer place for everyone by placing your garbage cans in the street on your garbage collection day. Call the City of Modesto, Solid Waste Waste office at 577-5493 for further information.

Only Rain Down the Drain!



PLEASE KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN!

Never pour used oil, paint, gasoline or chemicals down storm drains!

Report Pollution: (209) 577-6200 Recycle Used Oil & Filters: (209) 577-5493

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NEW! City of Modesto Tire Recycling Program

It's simple and best of all it's FREE*!

- 1) Call your garbage company and request a tire coupon.
- 2) Receive coupon in the mail.
- 3) Take coupon and tires to your garbage company transfer station on any of the following dates:

March 13 - 25, 2006

June 19 - July 1, 2006

September 18 - 30, 2006

January 15 - 27, 2007



*Maximum 8 tires per calendar year.
City of Modesto residents only.
Tires with or without rims, OK.
No businesses.

Questions?
Call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494

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CALL 521-4636 (521-INFO)

If you know the whereabouts of the person below call Crime Stoppers. All calls are anonymous. Rewards up to \$1000.00



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