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Going Green with Recycling in 2014!

It's so easy to go green in the City of Modesto. Modesto offers residents a variety of ways to reduce-reuse-recycle their waste items. Listed below is a summary of the garbage and recycling programs available to all Modesto residents and businesses. "Residential" garbage customers are defined as having black and green waste containers while "Commercial" garbage customers have bins.

Residential Organic Waste:

Residents should fill their green organic waste containers with small prunings, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, all forms of food waste, cardboard and paper waste. Paper waste includes newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail, paper towels and napkins, etc. All the material is recycled into compost at the City's Compost Facility. Please, do not put plastic bags, diapers, dirt, sod, rocks, concrete, animal feces, household garbage, or wood in your green container. For information on where to purchase the City's compost product, Mo-Gro-Pro, please call (209) 571-5144.

Residential & Commercial Buy Back Centers:

Residents can recycle their California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers and some scrap metal items at any of our many convenient buy back centers throughout Modesto. For a current list of locations call 1-(800)-Recycle or go to <http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/buyback.asp>

Residential Bulky Item Collection:

Modesto residents can dispose of large household items at the curb **two times per calendar year**. Call your garbage company for an appointment and then place the items in the street the night before the appointment. **No items will be picked up without an appointment!** For safety purposes, remove doors from all large appliances. Take care not to block fire hydrants, storm drains, etc. Call your garbage provider for program restrictions.

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

Residential Pruned Refuse-Leaf Collection:

Large prunings are picked up January through November from your street or alley. Prunings should be less than six feet in length and no single piece should weigh over 50 pounds. Place material one foot from the curb or fence. *Note dirt, sod, grass clippings, and concrete will not be picked up. The city is divided into four service areas; set out and pick up times depend on your location. Most of the materials are sent to the Compost Facility for processing. To determine the

schedule for your area, please call the Green Waste Division at (209) 577-5463 or go to http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/trees/green_waste.asp. **December is leaf season only;** pruned refuse will not be collected. Leaves are collected from the street only. Piles of leaves with pruned refuse mixed in it will not be collected.

Residential Used Oil Recycling:

Modesto residents can recycle up to four gallons of used oil each week for FREE. Collection is by appointment only. 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 by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. Do not place at curbside. Residents can also recycle used oil at any of Modesto's Certified Collection Centers. Call (209) 577-5493 for details or to find out about receiving a free oil collection container.

Residential & Commercial Household Hazardous Waste (HHW):

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, antifreeze, fluorescent lights, and electronic devices (computers, monitors, TVs, VCRs, etc.) cannot be put in the garbage and must be disposed of properly. The facility is located at 1710 Morgan Road and is open Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For additional information, please call (209) 525-6789.

Commercial Composting Program:

If you are a local Modesto business and generate compostable materials, you may be eligible to participate in the City's Composting Program and receive a 25% discount off the standard garbage rate for your compostable materials. All contents of the food waste bins are taken to the City of Modesto's Compost Facility and the organic material is composted, and then made available for sale to the general public. For additional information and to see if your business qualifies, please call (209) 577-5495.



Residential Waste Tire Recycling:

Modesto residents are eligible to participate in a grant-funded program that allows each resident to recycle up to 9 waste tires, per event, at no additional cost. For program guidelines and how to receive a coupon, please contact the Solid Waste Division of the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5494.

If you have questions about these or any other garbage or recycling programs, please contact the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494 or visit our website at www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling



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)
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



WIPES CLOG PIPES!

Many personal hygiene wipes, baby wipes, and cleaning products are marketed as being "flushable." Despite the confusing and misleading labels, you should **never** flush "flushable" or "disposable" products. These products do not break down as they move through the sewer system and may cause blockages in your home sewer lines, resulting in sewer backup in your home. They can also cause blockages in the City's sewer pipes and pumps, causing sewer overflows, costly cleanup and repairs, and extensive environmental damage.



Remember, the only things that should be flushed are human waste and toilet paper. Do not flush items such as disinfecting wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, towelettes, or mop refills. These items should be placed in the trash.

Please contact the City of Modesto Environmental Compliance Section at 577-6200 with any questions.

WATER CONSERVATION DURING THE WINTER

- **Insulate hot water pipes.** Cover indoor pipes with insulation, especially those on an outside facing wall or in unheated areas of your home. This will reduce the amount of water that must be run to get hot water from the faucet and avoid leaks from cold pipes. To be effective, insulate the full pipe including elbows and pipe tees.
- **Identify the water shut-off valve for your home.** Locate your master water shut-off valve and mark it for quick identification. If a pipe does burst, you'll be able to shut off the water flow quickly and minimize damage and water loss.
- **Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.** Detaching a hose allows water to drain from the faucet. Otherwise, a single, hard overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it's connected to.
- **Seal off access doors, air vents and cracks.** Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes.
- **Check for faucet and toilet leaks.** Even a tiny leak can cause a lot of water loss.
- **Add an aerator to your faucets.** You'll still get plenty of flow but use less water.
- **Keep the City of Modesto Water Hotline available in case of an emergency.** Pre-program it in your cell phone: Water Hotline - (209) 342-2245

For additional information please visit our website at www.modestogov.com

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

| | 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 | 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 or to report water waste, call (209) 342-2246.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>

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