



Winter Storm Events Affect City Residents

The winter storms that brought in the New Year remind us that we live in an area subject to flooding when saturation levels from heavy rains reach those experienced in recent weeks.



Knowing what to do when a storm event occurs is important to ensure the personal safety and protection of property of those living in areas of our community that are most affected by these types of events. The following are some steps you can take to keep yourself and others safe:

- Keep apprised of storm events by watching local news on TV and/or listening to local radio for warnings
- Never drive through barricaded areas
- Drive slowly, especially when driving down streets with standing water
- Do not allow children to play in or around flooded streets, drains or rivers

- Keep candles and/or a flashlight handy in case a loss of power occurs.

City of Modesto Public Works Staff responds to all reports of flooding during and after rain events. During very heavy rain events Wastewater Collections staff routinely remove any standing water along major thoroughfares. Crews respond to all areas of the city to assess flood conditions and respond with pumps, if needed, to remove standing water.

During emergencies, as identified by the Office of Emergency Services (OES), the City Manager may authorize Public Works staff along with Public Safety personnel to assist residents with protecting property in the event of pending flooding. This may include sandbagging homes and moving valuables along with providing hourly contact information for residents to monitor flood conditions.

When flooding is a concern, City of Modesto residents

may obtain sandbags from the City's Corporation Yard, located at 501 N. Jefferson Street. City of Modesto Public Works Department personnel will deliver sandbags in extreme cases of emergency due to flooding, or to disabled persons whose property is subject to flooding.

To report any of the following conditions, please contact the City of Modesto Public Works Department at:

Street Flooding-
577-6200 (Wastewater Collections Division)

Downed Trees/Limbs-
342-2249 (Community Forestry Division)

Sandbags-
342-2244 (Streets Division)

Working together we can minimize the effects storm events have on our residents and keep our community safe.



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Winter/Spring Activity Guides

The Winter/Spring 2006 Activity Guides are available!

Pick up 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.

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Recycling Program

CRTs are classified as hazardous waste and cannot be put in the garbage can. CRTs are found in TVs and computer monitors.



Modesto residents can dispose of 2 CRTs per calendar year (4 per business). The program is FREE.

Call your garbage company and request a CRT coupon. It will be mailed to you.



Take the coupon and your CRT to your garbage company transfer station. Drop it off at no charge.

Questions? Call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494.

FREE Backyard Composting Class!!

The City of Modesto is offering free composting classes to Modesto City residents.

Saturday, March 4
10 a.m. - noon

and

Tuesday, April 18
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Backyard Compost Bins

\$39/each plus tax

To order, call Solid Waste
(209) 577-5495
While supplies last.

Students who complete the class will receive a \$5 off coupon towards the purchase of a compost bin.
While supplies last.

Modesto Junior College

Registration: 575-6063

Presented by the City of Modesto for City residents

2006 YARD TRIMMING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The calendar below provides you with specific information about when you should place your yard trimmings 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)

February

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June

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July

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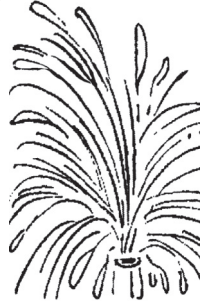
December 2006. Leaves picked up only. No yard trimmings. Leaves will be collected from STREETS only. No plastic bags, boxes, etc.

For further information or questions regarding this schedule, please call the Community Forestry Division at 342-2249.

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Water Conservation - Landscaping

Now that landscape, plants and turf can depend on Mother Nature for rainwater, it is time to adjust our outdoor sprinkler timers. Use the rain delay mode or even turn the timers off to save water. Using the rain and colder weather to lower our outdoor water use is smart and saves money. During the winter and spring months many residents are able to use less than half of the amount of water they need in the summer for outdoor water use.



This means less water will be pumped out of the ground thus reducing energy and treatment costs. Every gallon of water that we conserve continues to be stored in the aquifer beneath our city until it is needed.

Some irrigation may be needed for evergreen plants (evergreens hold their leaves in the winter), if we do not have rain during colder weather for longer than a week. Consult your local nursery for the specific needs of your plantings.



Remember that professionals advise us not to fertilize in the spring until leaves start to emerge from plants. Nutrients in the fertilizer can wash away before the plants absorb them, if you fertilize while your plants are dormant and before it rains, it can be a waste of money and time as fertilizers run down the gutters into the storm drains, contaminating our ground water (aquifer), rivers and polluting our environment.

Contact the City of Modesto Water Conservation Office for advice or comments in regards to conserving water. If you need help adjusting your automatic sprinkler timers, to coincide with the City of Modesto year round outdoor water restrictions, please call Jose Cavazos at 342-4580.

Remember to wrap exposed water pipes to keep them from freezing.

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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	<i>DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!</i>						
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.



Earth Day in the Park Festival

Mark your
calendars now!

Modesto's **17th
Annual Earth Day
in the Park Festival**

is coming on
Saturday, April 22,
2006 in Graceada Park.
The free event is fun
for the whole family.
Spend the day learning
how to protect the
environment while
enjoying great food
and free entertainment.
Play games, enter
drawings and win great
prizes. Also, enter the
Trashformation Art
Contest for your
chance to win a
cash prize!

Earth Day in the
Park Festival is spon-
sored by the City of
Modesto, the Citizen
Advisory Committee
on Recycling and local
businesses that truly
care about our
environment! If you
have an Earth-friendly
business and are
interested in becoming
a sponsor or vendor,
please contact the
Solid Waste Office at
577-5495.

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Bulky Item Collection

-- by appointment only --

- For large household items, like furniture, appliances, toilets, etc.
- NO TVs, tires, auto parts, household garbage, hazardous waste or construction debris (wood, concrete, sheetrock, etc.)



Free to
City of Modesto
residents
2x per year



- Place items in the street the night before the appointment. Otherwise you may be subject to a fine.
- For active residential garbage service customers only (black and green garbage cans).

Call your garbage company to schedule an appointment.

Questions? Call the City of Modesto at 577-5494.

NEW!



City of Modesto

Tire Recycling Program

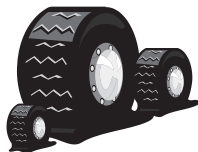
It's simple and best of all it's **FREE!**

- 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

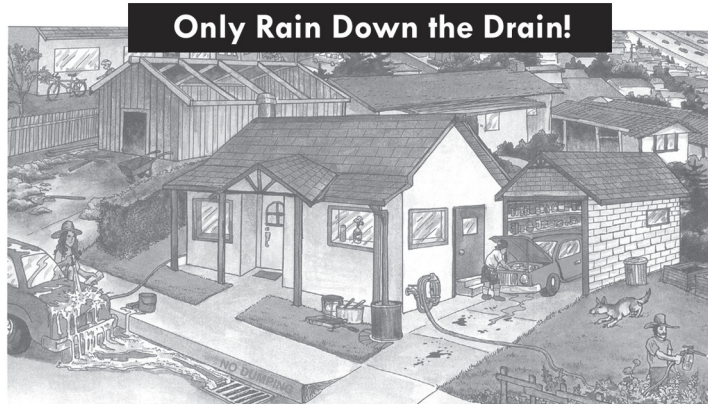
September 18 - 30, 2006



*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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Zero Waste - You Make It Happen!



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

Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board



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



WANTED FOR BANK ROBBERY/BANK OF THE WEST

DO YOU KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON?

CALL CRIME STOPPERS - ALL CALLERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

BAY AREA COMMUTERS!

... Let **MAX** get you to BART or the ACE train.



MAX
MODESTO AREA EXPRESS

For bus information
209.521.1274
www.ModestoAreaExpress.com

- Non-stop commuter service.
- Connects with all ACE trains at Manteca/Lathrop ACE Station.
- Two AM and two PM weekday round trips to Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station during commuter hours.

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