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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

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Modesto Awarded by California Water Association

The California Water Environment Association (CWEA) - Northern San Joaquin Section awarded the City of Modesto with the following Wastewater-related awards:

Plant of the Year Award Greater than 20 MGD
Operator of the Year Award
Lab Person of the Year Award



The City of Modesto Public Works - Wastewater Division and the Utility Planning and Projects Department have spent time looking ahead to understand what the City needs to meet growth demands and strict environmental standards related to its Wastewater Treatment Plant facilities. The CWEA awards recognize the strategies the City has put in place for creating an efficient water recycling program that provides a valuable resource for resale and reuse.

The City has recently completed construction of the Phase 1 Tertiary treatment facility, and Phase 2 is currently under construction. These facilities will produce over 14 million gallons of recycled water a day, which can be used for various purposes, including irrigation and potable reuses.

The recipient of the Operator of the Year Award is Brent Marquardt, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III, employed by the City of Modesto since 2011. The recipient of the Lab Person of the Year Award is Scott Jacobs, Lab Analyst III, employed by the City of Modesto since 2009.

These Northern San Joaquin Section winners will now go on to the state competition. State winners will be announced at the Annual CWEA Conference in Santa Clara on April 29, 2014.

FREE! BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS

{for Modesto Residents Only}

Sat., March 29, 2014

10 am - 12 pm

at Modesto Junior College

Community Education

To register,

Call 575-6063

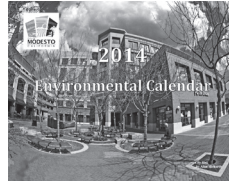


From Garbage to Garden

SAVE \$5.00

on the purchase of a
City of Modesto compost bin
when you complete the class!
Quantities Limited





New Modesto Environmental 2014 Calendar Available Online!

The City of Modesto Public Works Department announces a free downloadable 2014 Modesto-Themed calendar featuring the work of local painters, photographers and graphic artists. This calendar also provides useful tips for preserving the natural beauty of our central valley.

Special thanks to the artists of the Central California Art Association for contributing the use of their gorgeous artwork to the City of Modesto.

The calendar is designed to educate residents in ways they can help prevent pollutants from entering the City of Modesto storm drain and sewer systems. Also included are Best Management Practices for gardening, home remodeling, and auto repair with the ultimate goal of keeping our creeks and rivers pollutant-free.

You can view, print or download the calendar at <http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/docs/Environmental-Calendar.pdf>



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 clean-up 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.

Mo-Gro Pro
 Contents: Composted Yard Waste, Paper and Food Waste

Quality Organic Compost
 1 cu. ft. bags - \$3.25 (tax inc)
 Bulk sales - call for pricing

Senior Citizens Center
 Bag purchase available March 17 - November 14
 211 Bodem St.
 Monday thru Friday 9am - 1pm

Modesto's Compost Facility
 Bag or bulk purchase available all year round
 7001 Jennings Rd.
 571-5144
 Mon thru Fri 8am - 3:30pm

SAVE THE DATE WE CORDIALLY Invite You TO JOIN US For **EARTH DAY** IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

PLEASE JOIN US! SATURDAY APRIL 19 2014 10AM - 4PM CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Water Conservation in February

During the winter months, the majority of your water use is indoors. Baths, showers, clothes washers, toilets and dishwashers are typically among the highest water users in the home. According to the EPA, the average family of four can use 280 gallons of indoor water every day. Older toilets use between 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush and a leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water every day. Changing your toilet to a new WaterSense labeled toilet can help you use 20 to 60 percent less water.

Traditional top loading washing machines use an average of 41 gallons of water per load. A new high efficiency water-saving model uses 35 to 50 percent less water!

The City of Modesto offers both a High Efficiency Toilet Replacement Rebate and a High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate to encourage making the switch. By making the switch you will save water, money and help the environment. Start saving this winter and see the difference all year round. Please visit The City of Modesto at www.modestogov.com for complete guidelines and conditions and "click" the water conservation link. You can also call the City of Modesto Water Division at 209-342-2246.