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CITY OF MODESTO

# City Beat

FEBRUARY 2015



## Help Prevent Sewer Blockages & Overflows

Especially during the winter months, it is important to remember the following:

Grease is often washed down the kitchen sink and into the plumbing system. Even a small amount of grease in sink drains can cause serious blockages in home plumbing or, even worse, a sewer overflow in your home or yard. The substances also cause clogging in Modesto's wastewater collection system, causing overflows that are messy, costly, and a potential threat to your health and the environment.

Here are some ways you can help protect the environment, your pipes, and Modesto's sewer collection system:



- Never pour grease material down sink drains or toilets
- Scrape grease material from all cookware and dishes into a can or the trash for disposal prior to washing. Don't rely on detergents to dissolve grease: They may just pass it down the line and cause problems in other areas.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain strainers into the trash for disposal
- Cooking grease should be placed in the black curb container with the normal weekly garbage. It would be advisable to allow the grease to cool so as to not melt plastic garbage bags.

**Call the City of Modesto 24/7 at (209) 577-6200 to report a sewer blockage or overflow.**

## FREE! BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASS

{for Modesto Residents Only}

**Sat., March 21, 2015**

**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



Be a recycling super hero!

# EARTH DAY

...in the park festival

**4.18.15**



**Sponsors & Vendors Welcome**

For more information contact:

**Vicki Rice**

Recycling Program Coordinator

**209.577.5495 or [vrice@modestogov.com](mailto:vrice@modestogov.com)**

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





**City of Modesto Sponsored**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**  
**Friday, February 27, 2015**  
**9:00am to 12:00pm**  
**Vintage Faire Mall - 3401 Dale Rd - Modesto, CA**  
**In the parking lot near J. Penn - Sisk Rd**

**CANCELLED\***  
**New Date - Friday, March 27**



**ACCEPTED ITEMS**

Antifreeze	Acids	Pesticides
Aerosol products	Gasoline/Diesel Fuel	Pool/Spa chemicals
Batteries (all)	Herbicides	Propane cylinders
Flammable liquids	Kerosene	Road flares
Carburetor cleaners	Mercury thermostats	Roofing tar
Charcoal light fluid	Mercury thermometers	Used motor oil/Filter
Drugs	Paint/Paint thinner	

No containers larger than 5 gallons. No empty container. No electronic waste. No light bulbs. No explosives. No ammunition. No compressed gas cylinders. No tires. No business waste. No more than 125 lbs or 15 gallon of waste accepted. All containers must be properly sealed.

DO NOT LEAVE MATERIALS UNATTENDED. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE.  
 FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM CalRecycle  
 QUESTIONS? CALL 577-5493



**City of Modesto**  
**Waste Tire Recycling Events**

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:	WHAT TO DO:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Modesto residents only</li> <li>• No businesses</li> <li>• Tires with and without rims - OK</li> <li>• Car, Truck &amp; Motorcycle Tires - OK</li> <li>• Up to 9 tires accepted at no charge</li> <li>• No Commercial or Tractor Tires</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call City of Modesto and request a Coupon: <b>(209) 577-5494</b></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000</li> <li>• Take Tires to Garbage Company</li> <li>• Do not mix tires with other waste</li> </ul>

**FREE DISPOSAL ON DATES LISTED BELOW**  
**February 1-28 • April 1-30 • June 1-30**  
*(Closed April 20)*

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

Questions? Call **(209) 577-5494**



**SEWER PROBLEMS?**  
**CALL US FIRST**  
**577-6200**

Join the City of Modesto - Solid Waste Management Division  
 At the **Stanislaus County Home & Garden Show**

Modesto Centre Plaza  
 Friday, March 6 - noon - 6pm  
 Saturday, March 7 - 10am - 6pm  
 Sunday, March 8 - 10am - 6pm

**Stop by and learn about the garbage & recycling programs available to Modesto Residents.**

**Please Continue to Conserve Water!**

**Stage One Water Restrictions Include:**

- No outdoor watering on Mondays
- Outdoor water use only before noon and after 7 p.m.
- **Addresses ending in odd-numbers only water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday**
- **Addresses ending in even-numbers only water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday**
- Car washing is subject to the above-cited limitations with the use of a positive shut-off nozzle
- Hosing of concrete areas, building exteriors, etc. may only be done with a City-issued permit and a positive shut-off nozzle
- Water leaks, once identified, must be repaired within 24 hours
- Restaurants are encouraged to serve water only upon request
- All landscaping (residential and commercial) must comply with existing and future landscaping ordinances

**Water Conservation Tips**

1. Turn off automatic sprinklers; if you have not already, place your automatic sprinklers on the "OFF" or rain delay mode. An average rain storm will sustain your grass and plants. If absolutely necessary, hand water as needed.
2. Check for leaking outdoor pipes or broken sprinklers; if you cannot fix them right away, turn off your irrigation valve until you have an opportunity to do so. This will eliminate excess run-off and water loss.
3. Check for toilet tank leaks; place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank, if you see the food coloring seep in to the bowl, you have a leak.
4. Check for leaking indoor pipes and faucets; small leaks that are not repaired immediately can waste more than 50 gallons of water of a day or up to 25,000 gallons per year.
5. Install low flow aerators on your faucets; replacing an old inefficient faucet and aerators with a WaterSense labeled model can save the average family 700 gallons of water per year.

**The same water restrictions apply year-round.** Residents are permitted to water on their correct watering day/time, however - it is recommended to turn off irrigation systems or hand water during the rainy season.

**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	
NOON - 7:00 PM	DO NOT WATER						
7:00 PM - MIDNIGHT	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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**As** we celebrate the fourth year of the Mayor's Top Teens program, our mission remains stronger than ever: to provide young people with the confidence, support, and recognition that will allow them to become more involved in their community, develop as leaders, and network with other successful teens in Modesto.

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## **...to commend and honor everyday good acts and accomplishments...**

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This program is a unified community collaboration to commend and honor everyday good acts and accomplishments of local teenagers who have demonstrated extraordinary efforts and commitment. After a rigorous judging process by independent judges representing every segment of the community, we chose the best of the best in Modesto. We are proud to call these extraordinary young people this year's Mayor's Top Teens.

## **The Modesto Mayor's Top Teens**

*A Successful Collaboration of Government, Education and Local Businesses*

The Modesto Mayor's Top Teens is embarking upon its 4th year of recognizing extraordinary teens enrolled in high schools in the City of Modesto. Championed by Mayor Garrad Marsh, the Top Teens program was created to provide young people with confidence, support, and recognition. These local teens have demonstrated a strong commitment to serving others, overcome adversity or a unique obstacle in their lives, have achieved a significant accomplishment, and have been positive role models for their peers.

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## **...the epitome of a positive role model for their peers.**

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The program aims to provide opportunities for these teens to grow professionally by developing skills and habits that will give them an edge on their competition. This is why we encourage all of our scholarship winners to apply for internships within the City of Modesto. City

internships provide our teens the opportunity to learn appropriate forms of office communication and etiquette, all while developing technical knowledge that can be applied to nearly any organization, private or public.

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## **...will give them an edge on their competition...**

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Members of the local business community have partnered with the Mayor's Top Teens from the beginning. They have mentored the teens, provided them opportunities to participate in community events, and established a forum for their recognition that would not otherwise be available to them. Their commitment to these teens has been instrumental in the program's success and growth.

**MODESTO** MAYOR'S  
**TOP**  
**TEENS**

## Caitlyn Wherry – 2014 Top Teen Recipient



Caitlyn is a member of the National Honor Society, the SCOE Leadership Academy, founder and president of her high school's Spanish Club, the president of the Kiernan Klovvers 4-H Club, and a teen leader for the Service Learning Project.

While serving food at the Modesto Gospel Mission, Caitlyn was deeply moved by the appearance of another teen that came to eat that day. Although she was always devoted to helping others, from that moment her passion to feed the hungry became her obsession. Caitlyn later created the No Kid Hungry Club at her high school.

In partnership with No Kid Hungry and Backpack with a Blessing, her dream is to end childhood hunger in all of Stanislaus County. According to her family, she has said that she will only be done "when there are no children in line at soup kitchens, or going home Fridays knowing they won't eat till Monday morning."

## Support Our Teens

This scholarship program is only possible through the generous sponsorship and contributions from local business, civic groups, and citizens alike. As this program runs year round, we are always in need of sponsors, donations, and volunteers. If you would like more information about the program and the benefits of sponsorship, please contact Loree Lee at (209) 577-5223 or llee@modestogov.com.

Additional information is also available at the City of Modesto website, [www.modestogov.com/council/topteens](http://www.modestogov.com/council/topteens).

## Toshali Katyal – 2014 Top Teen Recipient



Toshali knows that the meaning of life can be found in one's accomplishments. That is why she is giving her all to pursue a career in cancer research.

Toshali accrued 200+ volunteer hours with Memorial Medical Center and many more with the Boys and Girls Club at Sylvan Elementary. She participated in ATGC, DNA research Club at her high school, where she was a proud and active member of the Crimson Team in Science Olympiad. Toshali enjoys writing and has a regular column in the Modesto Bee's "Teens in the Newsroom" program.

## Ga-Lhiel Dillard – 2014 Top Teen Recipient



Ga-Lhiel is not afraid of hard work; in fact, he lives for it. The greater the challenge, the stronger he becomes. He greets everyone he meets with a handshake or a hug and leaves them with a warm smile.

Ga-Lhiel has stellar leadership abilities and is a natural public speaker. As Chair of the Christian Athletic Association, he helped organize the delivery of Christmas gifts to a family the club had adopted. Every summer, Ga-Lhiel travels to volunteer at a national bible school.