



# City Beat

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## GREEN WASTE COLLECTION

Green waste collection is a monthly (Jan-Nov) service provided to residents living within the Modesto city limits (*no appointment is needed*).

Large green waste such as shrubbery, limbs, branches, brush and tree trimmings are collected from streets and alleys on a monthly basis (except in December).

Small green waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and weeds are to be placed in the GREEN waste toter **not in the street**. The green yard waste toter is serviced on the same day as your black garbage toter.

Remember, large green waste is to be placed in front of or directly behind the property from which it came. For collection, pieces must be less than 6 feet in length, less than 6 inches in diameter and no single piece can weigh more than 50 pounds.

Piles must be no more than 3 feet high and must not extend more than 3 feet into the street or alley. Street piles must be at least 18 inches from the curb and should not be placed on or near driveways, sidewalks, fire hydrants, drains, or any other utility fixtures. Place large green waste in the street if that is where your garbage toters are serviced. Place waste in the alley if that is where your garbage is serviced.

To view the collection map and schedule, see:

[www.modestogov.com/prnd/trees/green\\_waste](http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/trees/green_waste).

For more information, call the Green Waste Office at (209) 577-5463 .

## SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Stanislaus County's Emergency Notification System is a computerized system that allows the public to be contacted directly in case of a large-scale emergency, and also to keep local citizens informed in the event of an emergency or disaster. All-land line numbers are included in the system with their associated physical addresses as provided by phone company records – people are not able to opt-in or opt-out for land line calls through this system as this enables residents and businesses within Stanislaus County to be contacted by phone with important information in the event of an emergency or disaster.

However, not everyone has a land line telephone and not everyone is home when disaster strikes, so the County's self-registration system enables you to opt-in to receive messages on your cell phone. You can associate your cell phone number with up to five addresses in Stanislaus County that you feel you need to receive notifications for – examples include your child's school, the house of an elderly parent or other relative, your employer, etc. You must have a valid email address in order to complete the self-registration.

The system will dial the phone numbers of the selected locations and send out the pre-recorded message. When a person answers the telephone, they will hear a pre-recorded message involving the emergency. The message may contain special instructions to be followed by citizens in the area, so it is important to listen before hanging up.

The telephone numbers used in the system database are maintained in a secured database by the Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services for emergency notification purposes only. If you would like to receive the pre-recorded messages when emergencies occur in your residential or business area, please go online to:

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

and click on the red

**"Sign Up for Emergency Notifications from Stanislaus County OES!"**

link near the top of the page.



## WATER CONSERVATION

February is here and it's the perfect time to take a look at your irrigation system. During the winter, the cold weather conditions put added stress on your irrigation system. Take a moment to make a visual inspection of your entire system.

- Check your anti-siphon valves for any erosion, standing water, or leaks.
- Run your sprinkler system and look for any leaks from the valve to the spray head. Clear any debris, grass, and plants from the sprinkler spray and adjust them so they don't spray walkways, walls, or driveways.
- For drip irrigation systems, run them for 20-30 minutes, check for leaks or clogged emitters. Place the emitters in the correct place as plants grow.
- Finally, set your controller to the correct water days and times. Replace the back up battery if needed.

### 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		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) 342-4580.

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

## Earth Day 2012 Save the Date – April 21

Modesto will be celebrating its 23rd Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival at Graceada Park on **Saturday, April 21.**

If you are interested in being an event sponsor, entertainer or vendor, please contact the Solid Waste Office at 209.577.5494.

We welcome businesses and organizations that are focused on the environment and offer green solutions to the environmental issues of today.

For more information, visit [www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling](http://www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling).

# Mo-Gro Pro

Contents: Composted Yard Waste, Paper and Food Waste

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

**Senior Citizens Center**  
(Bag purchase available March 19 - November 16)  
211 Bodem St.  
Mon, Wed, Fri - 8am to noon  
and  
Tue, Thu - 9am – 1pm

**Modesto's Compost Facility**  
(Bag or bulk purchase available all year round)  
7001 Jennings Rd.  
538-2557  
Mon thru Fri 8am-3:30pm