

# City Beat

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## Pollution Prevention Begins with You...

National Pollution Prevention Week is September 19 through September 25. Here are some pollution prevention tips you can follow to keep our community clean and safe:

### Keep Our Storm Drains Clean & Our Water Flowing:

- When changing your car oil, place cardboard or newspaper under the oil pan to catch spills.
- Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to clean up spills. Inspect your car regularly for leakage.
- Drain chlorinated pool or spa water using a house sewer drain (bathtub or sink) or sewer outlet near your house.
- Rinse paint brushes in the sink when using water-based latex paint.
- Use non-toxic alternatives to pesticides and organic gardening materials when possible. Use herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Do not apply these products when rain is in the forecast.
- Sweep driveways, patios and sidewalks. Place debris in the garbage rather than using a hose to rinse it into gutters and storm drains.
- Pick up animal waste regularly, dispose of it in a plastic bag and place the bag in the black garbage can.

### Used Motor Oil Recycling • Curbside motor oil recycling is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Contact your garbage company (Bertolotti Disposal 209.537.8000 or Gilton Solid Waste 209.527.3781 to schedule a collection appointment.
2. Pour the used motor oil into a one-gallon plastic container with a screw-top lid.
3. Place the used motor oil in front of your garage the evening before your collection appointment.
  - Do not place the used motor oil in the street for collection. Limit four gallons per week.
  - Do not mix used motor oil with any other substances such as antifreeze or water.

Certified Collection Centers will pay you for used motor oil and most will take your used filter for recycling at no charge. Up to five gallons of used motor oil can be taken to any free collection center. For more information, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.

### Household Hazardous Waste :

All residents in Stanislaus County can recycle household hazardous waste products free of charge at the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Acceptable items include:

Antifreeze	Batteries	Brake Fluid
Drain Cleaners	Fertilizers and Pesticides	Gasoline
Motor Oil & Oil Filters	Paints	Pool & Spa Chemicals
Solvents	Computers	Monitors
Televisions	Electronic Equipment	Pharmaceutical Items

The facility is located at 1716 Morgan Road and is open Fridays and Saturdays (excluding major holidays) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (209) 525-6789.

**As a reminder:** Spills to storm drains can impact receiving water that includes our rivers and streams as well as groundwater. For more information or to report dumping in storm drains, call (209) 577-6200. Visit the City of Modesto's pollution prevention display at City Hall, 1010 Tenth Street, 2nd floor lobby, September 19 through September 22. The display will also be at the Modesto Home Improvement Show at the Modesto Centre Plaza from September 23 through September 25. Brochures and pollution prevention ideas will be available at both locations.

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## Water Conservation

The Water Conservation Program will be participating in the 23rd Annual Modesto Home Improvement Show at the Modesto Centre Plaza September 23-25. Hours are Friday: noon-6 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by to learn more about water conservation and to get your FREE conservation kit.

For more information, call (209) 342-2246.

## 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/>



# Backyard Composting Classes

## FREE to Modesto residents

(\$30.00 for non-Modesto residents)

Call Modesto Junior College  
to register - 575-6063

### Upcoming Classes:

Saturday, September 10 • 10 a.m.-noon • Tuesday, October 25 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.



## WHAT GOES IN THE GREEN CAN?



### Yard Waste, Food Waste, & Paper Products Only



Desperdicio de Jardín, Desperdicio de Comida, y Solamente Productos de Papel



- Grass
- Leaves
- Plants
- Weeds
- Clippings
- Brush
- Limbs
- Food Scraps
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Paper Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Phone Books
- Cardboard



- Pasto
- Hojas
- Plantas
- Hierbas
- Cortes de Plantas
- Ramas
- Troncos
- Sobras de Comida
- Frutas y Legumbres
- Servilletas de Papel
- Toallas de Papel
- Periódicos
- Publicidad sin Interés
- Revistas
- Guías de Teléfono
- Cartón



- Garbage
- Plastic Bags
- Diapers
- Glass or Metal
- Plastics
- Styrofoam
- Dirt or Rocks
- Concrete or Asphalt
- Wood Scraps
- Wood Products
- Toxic Materials
- TVs or Computers
- Animal Waste
- Dead Animals



- Basura de la Casa
- Bolsas de Plástico
- Pañales
- Vidrio o Metal
- Plásticos
- Espuma de Poliestireno
- Tierra o Piedras
- Cemento o Asfalto
- Pedazos de Madera
- Productos de Madera
- Materiales Tóxicos
- TVs o Computadoras
- Abono de Animales
- Animales Muertos

DO NOT OVERFILL CAN - LID MUST BE CLOSED

Questions? Call Solid Waste Office (209) 577-5494

NO SOBRELLENE SU BOTE - LA TAPA DEBE ESTAR CERRADA

Preguntas? Llame Oficina de Basura (209) 577-5494

## Garbage Container Repair

Is your garbage or green waste container in need of a new lid, wheel, or some other type of repair?

Contact your garbage company to schedule the repair; there is no charge for this service.

The garbage companies are:

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

For more information, or to find out which garbage company services your area, call the City of Modesto Solid Waste Management Office at (209) 577-5494.

*Due to the nature of mailing the City Beat with the utility water bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.*