

City Beat

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Pollution Prevention Begins with You...

National Pollution Prevention Week (P2W) will be celebrated September 20 through September 26.

The City of Modesto has these pollution prevention tips for you:

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 kitty litter to clean up spills and inspect your car regularly for leakage.
- Wash cars on unpaved surfaces or at a commercial car wash. Leftover soapy water should be poured down a household sink or bathtub drain.
- 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. Limit four gallons per week.
3. Place the used motor oil out in front of your garage (**not in the street**) the evening before your collection appointment.

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. 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 of Stanislaus County can recycle household hazardous waste products free of charge at the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. A complete list of accepted products can be found at www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/hhw.asp. 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) 525-4123. Remember: Storm drains flow directly into our waterways and oceans. 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 17-23. The display will also be at the Modesto Home Improvement Show at the Modesto Centre Plaza from September 24-26. Brochures and pollution prevention ideas will be available at both locations.

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City of Modesto City Hall, located at 1010 Tenth Street, will be closed due to the holiday and work furlough:

September 3-September 6, 2010

Utility payments can be made by phone or online 24 hours a day - 7 days a week



Customer Service
(209) 577-5395



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City Hall will also be closed due to work furloughs in November and December. For more information on future closure dates, visit us online at www.modestogov.com

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Transfers Included

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City of Modesto Water Metering Plan

Over the past several years, the Public Works Water Division has installed water meters within the City's water system in compliance with California State Assembly bill 2572, which became law in September of 2004. Currently, more than half of the services in the Modesto water system have meters installed and water crews are now installing meters in the Northeast side of Modesto.

The process of water meter installation includes several notifications to each customer:

- Before crews install water meters, the City's Water Division distributes door hangers notifying customers that a meter will be installed at their address in the next few days.
- After a water meter has been installed, another door hanger is distributed to each customer explaining that the meter installation is complete and provides the customer with contact information for questions.
- Once a neighborhood or area of the City is complete, the City's Finance Department sends each customer an introductory letter informing them of the upcoming billing changes. The Water Division completes a test read of the meters.
- Customers will receive a second letter from the Finance Department, comparing their existing flat rate bill with the new metered rate charges. This information allows customers to review the amount of water they are using and gives them the opportunity to adjust usage and conserve water, which could potentially reduce their bill.
- During the next billing cycle, customers will receive a third letter that provides a second comparison.
- Beginning with the next billing cycle, customers will be billed based on the volume of water they use.

For more information on the City of Modesto Water Metering Program, please visit www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/meters/ or call the Water Division Office at (209) 342-2246.

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