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CHANGE TO CITY OF MODESTO LOBBY HOURS

Effective Friday, August 1, 2008, the City of Modesto Customer Services hours will change. The Customer Services lobby on the second floor at 1010 Tenth Street Place will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You may make payments any time to your utility account by using the City of Modesto payment web site at www.modestogov.com or pay by phone by calling (209) 577-5395 and following the voice prompts. You may also make payments at the authorized pay stations listed on the back of your utility bill.

Water Meter Installation Program

For the past two years, City water crews have been diligently replacing and retrofitting water meters throughout the area to which the City provides water. The reason for this is that in September of 2004, State Assembly Bill 2572 became a law, which requires the installation of water meters on all residential and commercial water connections for structures built prior to 1992, and it also mandates that all metered customers be billed based on actual volume of water delivered.

In April of 2006, the Modesto City Council approved the purchase of an AMR (Automated Meter Reading) system which will be retrofitted to all existing meters and included in the installation of all new meters. AMR devices allow a meter reader to electronically gather data simply by driving past the meters (usually within 300 feet) while on a route. This allows for a much more efficient collection of meter data. The system has been tested and implemented in certain areas and works quite effectively.

The installation of meters and AMR's in the Salida system has been completed and the City will send out its first metered billings throughout the month of September for the August-September service period. This means that actual consumption will be read on the meters in August and

billed to each customer in September. Letters will be sent out to every water customer with more detailed information.

For questions regarding this billing change, call the City of Modesto Customer Services Division at (209) 577-5395. For more information regarding water meter installation, contact the City of Modesto's Water Services Division at (209) 342-2246.

As a reminder, the City of Modesto is under Stage One Water Restrictions. Because of this, it is important that all water customers follow the year-round watering schedule below.

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**

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

Pollution Prevention Begins with You...

National Pollution Prevention Week (P2W) will be celebrated September 22-28. The City of Modesto has these tips for you:

Recycle Your Used Motor Oil

Curbside recycling is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Contact your garbage company (Bertolotti Disposal at (209) 537-8000 or Gilton Solid Waste at (209) 527-3781) to schedule your collection.
2. Place the oil in a 1-gallon plastic container with a screw-top lid.
3. Place oil out in front of your garage the evening before your collection appointment.

Do not place the oil in the street for collection. Limit 4 gallons per week. Do not mix your oil with any other substances such as antifreeze.

Certified Collection Centers pay you for your oil!

Used motor oil can be taken to any of the **FREE** collection centers (Autozone, Kragen, Jiffy Lube, Pick-n-Pull, PepBoys, etc). Recycle up to 5 gallons per day.

For more information, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.

Recycle Household Hazardous Waste

All residents of Stanislaus County can recycle the following products at the Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at no cost:

Antifreeze	Gasoline	Computers
Batteries	Motor Oil/Oil Filters	Monitors
Brake Fluid	Paint	Televisions
Drain Cleaners	Pool/Spa Chemicals	Electronics
Fertilizers/Pesticides	Solvents	Fluorescent Blubs

The Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 1716 Morgan Road and is open on Fridays and Saturdays (excluding major holidays) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (209) 525-4123.

Keep the Storm Drains Clean, Water Flowing

- When changing your car oil, prevent spills by placing cardboard or newspaper under the oil pan.
- Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to clean up spills.
- Wash cars on unpaved surfaces or



- at a commercial car wash. Leftover soapy water should be poured down a household sink or bathtub.
- Drain your chlorinated pool or spa water using a house sewer drain (bathtub or sink).
- Rinse paint brushes in the sink when using water-based latex paint.
- Use non-toxic alternatives to pesticides and organic gardening when possible. Use herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Do not apply these products when it is raining or if rain is in the forecast.
- Sweep driveways, patios and sidewalks rather than hosing them into the gutters and storm drains.
- Pick up animal waste regularly and dispose of it in the black garbage can.

Remember, City storm drains flow directly into waterways and oceans and eventually back into our drinking water without being treated. For more information or to report dumping in our storm drains, call (209) 577-6200.

For more pollution prevention ideas and brochures, visit the City of Modesto's Pollution Prevention display September 19-26, at City Hall, 1010 Tenth Street, 2nd floor lobby.



Fall 2008 Activity Guide

Available Monday, August 4!

For more information, call (209) 577-5344
or visit us at

www.modestogov.com/prnd/activityguide

