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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

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Pollution Prevention Begins with You...

National Pollution Prevention Week will be celebrated September 14 through September 21.

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 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.
- Do not throw cooking oil/grease down the drain. Instead freeze it and place it in your black garbage can for disposal.

Used Motor Oil and Filter Recycling

Curbside motor oil recycling is as easy as 1-2-3-4:

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 1-gallon plastic containers with a screw-top lid.
3. Drain the Filter into the oil containers, then place in a zippered bag.
4. Place the used motor oil and filter in front of your garage the evening before your collection appointment.

Do not place the used motor oil or filters in the street for collection. Limit 4 gallons and 3 filters 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 5 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The 2013 Consumer Confidence Report is now available on the City of Modesto website!

modestogov.com/uppd/reports/water/regs/confidence.asp

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. Acceptable items include:

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

The facility is located at 1710 Morgan Road and is open Fridays and Saturdays (excluding major holidays) from 9am-1pm. For more information, call (209) 525-6789.

* The City of Modesto offers mobile Household Hazardous Waste collection events. Call (209) 577-5493 for more details.

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 15 through September 19. Brochures and pollution prevention ideas will be available at both locations.

The City of Modesto has a limited supply of grease cans for cooking grease, used motor oil drain containers, and zippered bags for filter recycling available for City of Modesto residents that have a black and a green garbage can. For more information, please call (209) 577-5493.





SEPTEMBER

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1000 L Street, Modesto, CA
\$3 General Admission/Senior Citizens \$2 on Friday
Free Tickets on our Facebook Page!



WIPES CLOG PIPES!

Many personal hygiene wipes, baby wipes, and cleaning products are marketed as being “flushable.” Despite the confusing and misleading labels, you should never flush “flushable” or “disposable” products. These products do not break down as they move through the sewer system and may cause blockages in your home sewer lines, resulting in sewer backup in your home. They can also cause blockages in the City’s sewer pipes and pumps, causing sewer overflows, costly cleanup and repairs, and extensive environmental damage.



Remember, the only things that should be flushed are human waste and toilet paper. Do not flush items such as disinfecting wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, towelettes, or mop refills. These items should be placed in the trash.

Questions? Contact the City of Modesto Environmental Compliance Section at 577-6200

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. As a rule, water in 5-minute cycles.
2. Turn off automatic sprinklers when it rains; most automatic sprinkler systems have a rain delay mode or can be put in the “OFF” position without affecting the programming.
3. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants; this slows evaporation of moisture and, as a bonus, discourages weed growth and soil erosion.
4. Check for leaking pipes and faucets; small leaks that are not repaired immediately can waste more than 5 gallons of water a day, or 2,500 gallons per year.
5. Check for toilet tank leaks; place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank, if you see the food coloring seep into the bowl, you have a leak.
6. Install low-flow shower heads; they can save up to eight gallons of water each minute the shower is used, or 4,800 gallons per person each year.
7. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
8. Wash only full loads in your washing machine.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.ci.modesto.ca.us/pwd/water/conservation

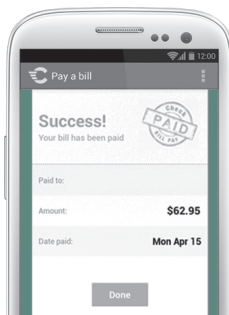
Got Waste Tires?

Call the **City of Modesto** for a **FREE Recycling Coupon**

209 **577-5494**

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We want to honor your **Green** business in Modesto!
Available now City of Modesto Business Recycling Awards applications
Categories:

- ♻️ Small Business - under 20 employees
- ♻️ Medium Business - 21-100 employees
- ♻️ Large Business - over 100 employees

If selected, what do you win?
Recognition at a Modesto City Council meeting
A reception in your honor at the McHenry Mansion
For more information contact, Vicki Rice at

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