

# City Beat

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## Yard Trimmings Placement Frequently Asked Question's

### Q. When can my trimmings go out for collection?

- **Street Pickup:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday before the first Monday of each month.
- **Alley pickup:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday before the third Monday of each month.

### Q. What will get picked up?

**A.** Large dead wood, such as tree trimmings. Tree trimmings must be less than six feet in length and less than six inches in diameter. No single trimming can weigh more than 50 pounds. Crews will **NOT** collect: grass clippings, weeds, tree stumps, household items, tires, plastic, bags, boxes, cardboard, trash, junk, dirt, rocks, concrete, sod, ground cover, building materials, or scrap lumber.

### Q. When does the City collect my yard trimmings?

**A.** Pick up on the streets begins the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. It takes approximately two weeks to complete the street collections. Pick up in alleys begins the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. It takes one to two weeks to complete the alley collections.

### Q. Where should I place my yard trimmings for collection?

- **Alley Pickup:** If you have an alley, place your trimmings in the alley. Trimmings placed in the alley should not extend more than three feet into the alley and must be at least one foot from the fence. Trimmings must be placed in back of your property only.
- **Street Pickup:** Where alleys do not exist, place your trimmings at the curb in front of your property only. Trimmings should not extend more than three feet into the street and must be at least one foot from the face of the curb, and not more than four feet high. If a curb does not exist, trimmings should be one foot from the point of low drainage. Trimmings should be placed on the street in front of your property only, not in front of your neighbor's. All piles should be compact.
- *Please remember that yard trimmings should not be placed near or on driveways, walkways, sewer clean-outs, manholes, fire hydrants, drains, or other utility fixtures.*

For more information visit [www.modestogov.com](http://www.modestogov.com) or contact the City of Modesto Community Forestry Division at (209) 342-2249.

## Finance Committee Budget Workshops

The Finance Committee will review the City's proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 on the following dates and times:

- Monday, May 14, 1-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 15, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 16, 1-5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers in the basement at Tenth Street Place.

## 2007 Collection Schedule

This calendar provides specific information about when to place yard trimmings out for collection. Trimmings are only collected once a month and it takes approximately two weeks for pick up in each collection area. *Questions? Call Urban Forestry at (209) 342-2249.*

**Key for Yard Trimming Collection:**

- Only days you may place your trimmings out on the **STREET** for collection.
- ⬠ Day crews **start** to pick up **STREET** collection (First Monday of Month)
- ◻ Only days you may place your trimmings out in the **ALLEY** for collection.
- ⬡ Day crews **start** to pick up **ALLEY** collection (Third Monday of Month)

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
①	②	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	④	⑤
⑥	⑦	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					①	②
③	④	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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\* Due to the cyclic nature of mailing the City Beat with the utility water bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.

## Top 10 Garbage Violations

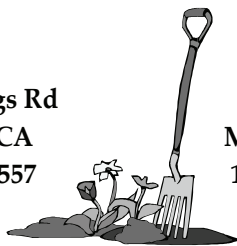
1. Placing or storing anything in an alley; i.e., unwanted items, furniture, appliances, etc.
2. Placing garbage in the green yard waste can, including plastic bags or sheeting.
3. Not making an appointment for a bulky item pick-up.
4. Placing bulky items in the street more than 24 hours before the appointment.
5. Placing unacceptable items out for bulky item collection; i.e., tires, tv's, glass, wood, construction debris, garbage, clothing, etc.
6. Placing hazardous waste in the garbage instead of taking it to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility; i.e., motor oil, paint, batteries, florescent lights, electronics, etc.
7. Rinsing dirty garbage cans and left-over concrete residue into the street instead of on the lawn or in the yard.
8. Draining pool or spa water into the street instead of into the sewer drain (bathtub or sink).
9. Placing garbage cans on the sidewalk for collection or leaving the cans in the street after the service day.
10. Overfilling garbage or yard waste cans.

*Any of the above activities can subject you to a \$100 fine or more, for violation of the city ordinance.*

## City of Modesto – Compost Facility

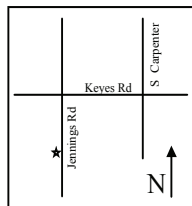
BUY ONE YARD...  
GET THE SECOND **FREE**

7007 Jennings Rd  
Modesto, CA  
(209) 538-2557



Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

- An open bed pickup or trailer is needed to purchase compost
- Please bring this coupon with you to receive this free offer
- Bulk sales only
- One (1) free yard per paying customer
- Coupon Expires 8/30/2007



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Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If Your Address Is...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
Midnight to Noon	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
Noon to 7 PM	<b><i>DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!</i></b>						
7 PM to Midnight	WATER	DO NOT 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 regarding water conservation, or to report water waste, call (209) 342-4580.



## May is Water Awareness Month in California

May is a good time to start practicing your good outdoor watering habits in preparation for summer.

Drinking water is a limited resource in the Central Valley no matter how much precipitation we receive throughout the year. Precipitation amounts are uncertain from year to year, while water needs continue to grow within Modesto and other communities.

Remember to use water wisely, sweep the driveway or sidewalk instead of using the water hose. Check your sprinklers periodically and make sure you are watering the lawn and plants instead of the concrete and/or gutter.

Seventy percent of household water is used outdoors during the hot summer months. So water in the early mornings or late afternoons about dusk time. Avoid watering on windy days. Check your automatic timers and set them to coincide with the City of Modesto's year round outdoor water restrictions. If you need help programming automatic sprinkler timer's call, (209) 342-4580.

California Department of Water Resources Report: Unless action is taken, the DWR report states, California's rapidly growing population will face water shortages of 2.9 million acre-feet in average water years by the year 2020, and 7 million acre-feet in drought years. California's population is expected to top 47 million by the year 2020, about 15 million more than in 1995.

For more California Water Awareness Campaign information and helpful tips on how to use water wisely, visit the CWAC Web site at - [www.wateraware.org](http://www.wateraware.org).

