



Spring Pollution Prevention Tips

We all want our homes and gardens to be beautiful and bountiful. But have you ever thought that some of our daily activities - from pesticide application to washing our vehicles - may be harmful to the environment and contribute to water pollution?



For instance, many people use chemical pesticides to control pests. Stormwater testing in Modesto has shown that some active ingredients in these pesticides, especially diazinon and chlorpyrifos, are occurring at levels that could threaten our health and the health of our rivers and wetlands. The testing also shows that most of these pesticides come from Modesto's residential neighborhoods.

Other known household contaminants found in our stormwater include: paint,



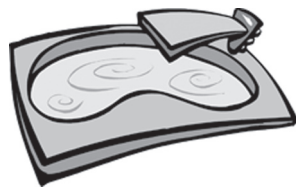
chlorine, used motor oil, antifreeze, pet waste and garbage. Call 577-5493 for more information on how to dispose of these and other hazardous materials.

TO KEEP THE STORM DRAINS CHEMICAL FREE...SHARE THESE TIPS WITH OTHERS:

LAWNS & GARDENS: Avoid products using diazinon and chlorpyrifos. Also, don't over water your lawn and garden.



POOL & SPA CLEANING: Drain the old water to your sewer system (shower, bathtub, wash tray, sink drain or sewer cleanout).



AUTO CLEANING:



Use a professional car wash or use a wet rag to

wipe down your vehicle instead of running water. Please do NOT wash your vehicle in the driveway or street.

AUTO MAINTENANCE:



Recycle used oil and dispose of antifreeze by calling 577-5493.

GARBAGE CANS:

Clean or rinse out the cans on the lawn and NOT in the driveway or street.



PET WASTES:

Pick up animal wastes regularly and dispose of them in the black garbage container or toilet.



For more storm drain information or to report storm drain pollution, call (209) 577-6200.



IMPORTANT CITY AND COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

CITY OF MODESTO:

Customer Service
577-5395

Down Payment Assistance
577-5247

Forestry (*Trees, Sidewalks, Garden Refuse*)
342-2249

General Information
577-5200

Neighborhood Preservation Unit
577-5250

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods
577-5344

Personnel Jobline
577-5498

STANISLAUS COUNTY:

Assessor's Office
525-6461

Clerk/Recorder
525-5250

District Attorney
525-5500

Parks and Recreation
525-6700

Treasurer/Tax Collector
525-6388

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AUTO THEFT – KEEPING YOUR CAR SAFE

The following are tips from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) for vehicle theft prevention:

DON'T

- **Don't leave your keys in the car.** *Approximately 10% of cars stolen have the keys left in the ignition.*
- **Don't leave your car unattended with the motor running.** *This includes warming up your car in the morning or leaving the car running while you dash into a store for a quick errand.*
- **Don't leave valuables/packages in view.** *Cover them or place them in the trunk.*
- **Don't leave your vehicle's title (pink slip) in the vehicle.** *Possession of this will more easily allow a thief to sell your vehicle.*

Do

- **Do lock your car.** *Make it difficult for the thief.*
- **Do park in a secure location.** *Use your garage or security lighting whenever possible.*
- **Do use a reputable car dealer when installing a car alarm.** *Consider an alarm with an ignition disabler feature.*
- **Do use a visible anti-theft deterrent.** *Make sure you know how to properly use it.*

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected vehicle theft activity to their local law enforcement agency or contact StanCATT at (209) 545-7316.

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Recycling Program

CRTs are classified as hazardous waste and cannot be put in the garbage can. CRTs are found in TVs and computer monitors.



Modesto residents can dispose of 2 CRTs per calendar year (4 per business). The program is FREE.

Call your garbage company and request a CRT coupon. It will be mailed to you.



Take the coupon and your CRT to your garbage company transfer station. Drop it off at no charge.

Questions?

Call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494.

FREE Backyard Composting Class!!

The City of Modesto is offering free composting classes to Modesto city residents.

Tuesday, April 18
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Modesto Junior College



Backyard Compost Bins

\$39/each plus tax

To order, call Solid Waste
(209) 577-5495

While supplies last.

Registration: 575-6063

Presented by the City of Modesto for city residents

Students who complete the class will receive a \$5 off coupon toward the purchase of a compost bin.
While supplies last.

2006 YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The calendar below provides you with specific information about when you should place your yard trimmings out for collection. Trimmings are only collected once a month. Remember, it takes approximately two weeks for crews to pick up your collection area.

Key for Street Collection	Only days you may place your trimmings out on the STREET for collection.	Key for Alley Collection	Only days you may place your trimmings out on the ALLEY for collection.
	Day crews start to pick up STREET collection (First Monday of Month)		Day crews start to pick up ALLEY collection (Third Monday of Month)

April

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December 2006. Leaves picked up only. No yard trimmings.

Leaves will be collected from STREETS only. No plastic bags, boxes, etc.

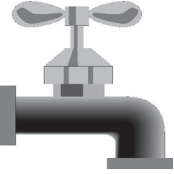
For further information or questions regarding this schedule, please call the Community Forestry Division at 342-2249.

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Easy Ways to Save Water

In Bathrooms:

- Install low-flow showerheads and aerators.
- Take five-minute showers.
- Fill bathtub half way.
- Repair leaking toilets. If flapper in tank does not seal properly, you could be wasting hundreds of gallons of water a week.
- Do not use toilets as wastebaskets.
- Repair dripping faucets.
- Shut off the water while brushing teeth and shaving.



Kitchen/laundry:

- Repair dripping faucets.
- Do not use water to scrub dishes before washing.
- Keep cold water handy - fill and keep a pitcher in the fridge.
- Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes.

Outdoors:

- Use a broom to clean patios, sidewalks and driveways.
- Use a bucket and a shut-off nozzle when washing cars.
- Check pool and plumbing for leaks.
- Use a pool cover - it prevents evaporation.

Landscaping:

- Change your batteries once a year on your automatic timers.
- Always shut off automatic sprinklers on rainy days or use the rain delay switch.
- During summer, water landscapes in the early morning and late afternoon for ten minutes or less. For example, on your watering day, water at 7 a.m. and again at 9 p.m.
- Shut off sprinklers before runoff occurs. After 8 to 10 minutes, your lawn reaches the point of saturation and

will not absorb any more water.

- Install drip irrigation around trees and shrubs.
- A seven-day programmable automatic timer is needed to comply with the year-round outdoor watering schedule.
- Make sure you are watering what you want to water by checking your sprinkler system at least once a month.
- Follow the year-round outdoor watering schedule.
- Need assistance with automatic sprinkler timers? Call the Water Conservation Department at 342-4580. For outdoor watering permits, call 571-5103.

Earth Day in the Park Festival

When: April 22, 2006
Where: Graceada Park
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars now!

This year marks Modesto's 17th Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival. The free event is fun for the whole family. Spend the day learning how to protect the environment while enjoying great food and free entertainment. Enjoy the sounds of the Megan Slankard Band, The Sensations and much more! Play games, enter drawings and win great prizes. Also, enter the Transformation Art Contest for your chance to win a cash prize!

Earth Day in the Park Festival is sponsored by the City of Modesto, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Recycling and local businesses that truly care about our environment! If you have an earth-friendly business and are interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor, please contact the Solid Waste Office at 577-5495.

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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	<i>DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!</i>						
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 call (209) 342-4580.

To report water waste, call (209) 571-5103.



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Peace Officers Memorial Week

On October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, making May 15 Peace Officer Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. This honorable day has since been turned into

National Peace Officer Memorial Week, May 15 - 21 this year. The Peace Officer Memorial Week Committee has some special events planned.

May 3 - the Stanislaus County Peace Officer Memorial at Lakewood Memorial Park. Join area law enforcement

agencies at 10 a.m. as they remember the 155 peace officers nationwide and the 18 peace officers in California who gave their lives in 2005 as well as the 13 peace officers in our county who have given their lives since 1935.

May 6 - Foot Pursuit. Join us at Scenic Oaks Park (Peggy Mensinger Trail—where Coffee dead-ends into Scenic) at 9 a.m. for a one mile run or at 9:30 a.m. for a 5K road race. \$10 registration fee per event. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

May 13 - Peace Officer Display Booth at the Salida Fire, 4820 Salida Blvd, Salida. Join us from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

blue ribbons for your car and fingerprint kits for children.

May 15 - Peace Officer Memorial Day. There will be a Vigil at 6:30 p.m. at Salida Fire. This will be followed by a short program and balloon release. Come and join area law enforcement and survivors for this touching program.

May 17 - Annual Basketball Game between MPD and a team made up of the Raiders and the 49ers. Johansen High at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

May 20 - May Day Motorcycle Run. This 60-mile run starts at Mitchell's Harley-Davidson, 500 N. Carpenter Road at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration and formation will begin at 9 a.m. This is in honor of Sgt. Steve May. Check the Peace Officers Association website at: www.modestopoa.com for further details and time changes.

All times are subject to change. Please check our website at www.modestopolice.com/POMG for updates as the events approach.



Only Rain Down the Drain!

PLEASE KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN!

Never pour used oil, paint, gasoline or chemicals down storm drains!

Report Pollution: (209) 577-6200 Recycle Used Oil & Filters: (209) 577-5493

Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board

There will be displays with information about fallen officers in Stanislaus County and K-9 demos, as well as

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CALL 521-4636 (521-INFO)

If you know the whereabouts of the person below call Crime Stoppers. All calls are anonymous. Rewards up to \$1000.00

WANTED FOR MURDER

Carlos Torres - D.O.B. 1/30/1979

5'9", 170 pounds, black hair, brown eyes

Last known address: 709 Nicholas Ct, Atwater

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