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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

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USE OF & DAMAGE TO FIRE HYDRANTS

No person or persons, other than those designated and authorized by proper authority, shall open any fire hydrant, attempt to draw water from, or in any manner damage or tamper with, a fire hydrant.

Any violation of this regulation is punishable by law in accordance with City Municipal code 11-1.08.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: (209) 552-2470

PREAPPROVED WATER RATE INCREASE SET FOR JULY

In order to ensure the integrity of the City of Modesto's drinking water system, water customers will see a slight rate increase on their bill beginning July 1, 2013.

In 2004, the Modesto City Council approved a series of rate increases to fund improvements to the water system and expand the Regional Water Treatment Plant. With the increase beginning in July of this year, flat-rate residential customers will see an average increase of \$1.04 cents per month. Metered customers may experience a slightly different amount based on the amount of water they use in a given month.

The rate is being increased 2.3% based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of December 2012, which is the standard used when implementing inflationary rate increases such as this.

Water rates pay for the cost of delivering water to our customers. This rate increase is necessary to pay for routine inflationary cost increases that have occurred since our last CPI rate increase in July 2012.

For questions regarding your utility bill, please contact the City of Modesto Customer Service Division at (209) 577-5395.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Summer is right around the corner and temperatures are starting to rise. Now is a good time to check your sprinkler and irrigation timers and adjust to your lawn and plant watering needs.

Remember to follow the City of Modesto water schedule for correct watering days and times.

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) 342-2246.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>

For more information regarding lawn maintenance, water wise plants, gardening tips, and more, visit www.modestogov.com and click on "Water Conservation" on the left-hand side.

WATER CONSERVATION REBATES!

Please take advantage of the two rebates that the City of Modesto Water Conservation Program has currently underway in an effort to help customers conserve a valuable resource - **WATER!**

High Efficiency Toilet Rebate - \$50 per toilet

High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebate - \$100 per washer

Visit our website at www.modestogov.com and click "Water Conservation" on the left-hand side for complete details and application forms. You may also contact the City of Modesto Water Division at (209) 342-2246.

WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE

In an effort to comply with state wastewater regulatory mandates, City of Modesto wastewater customers will see a rate increase on their bill beginning July 1, 2013. The Modesto City Council approved a series of rate increases to fund the construction of the Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment facilities, as well as improvements to the wastewater system as a whole.

Residential customers can expect to see an average increase of \$1.73 per month. This rate increase largely funds the Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment facilities that will meet very stringent state water quality requirements, as well as provide the flexibility to discharge the high quality treated water to the San Joaquin River year-round, or provide recycled water for various purposes. The rate increase also allows the City to meet its obligation to serve its wastewater customers and protect the environment by complying with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.

It is important to note that any rate increase put off now would result in a larger increase in the future; this incremental increase helps smooth rate increases over time. City staff has worked diligently to reduce costs up to, and including, the securing of a State Revolving Fund, low-interest loan to finance the Phase 2 Tertiary Treatment Project, which includes a principle forgiveness program.

For more information or concerns, please contact the City of Modesto Customer Service Division at (209) 577-5395.

TOP 3 CITY CODE GARBAGE VIOLATIONS

1. Placing or storing anything in an alley - unwanted items, furniture, appliances, etc.
2. Placing unacceptable items in the green can.
3. Not having active garbage service at your residence.

2012 WATER QUALITY REPORT GOES PAPERLESS

Each year, the City of Modesto provides its customers with an annual Water Quality Report to inform you about your drinking water quality. This information is based on water samples collected from your drinking water system. In this report you will also find federal and state drinking water standards that you can use as a reference. You are encouraged to review this report as it provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered to you and your community.

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, the City of Modesto is no longer printing these reports, but have made them available on the Internet. View your Water Quality Report at www.modestogov.com/waterreport. The current version posted online is for the 2011 calendar year. The 2012 report will be available on July 1, 2013. If you wish to receive a paper copy, you can print one directly from our website or contact the City of Modesto Water Division at (209) 342-2246.

Este informe contiene informacion importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para informacion en espanol, llame por favor al (209) 342-2246.

If the report is not available in your native language, we encourage you to identify someone who can translate it for you.

OIL FILTER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Celebrate Your "Do It Yourself" Independence!

Bring in a used oil filter to recycle at any participating location and receive a FREE new comparable oil filter - valid any weekend during the month of July.



RECYCLE
USED OIL

Visit any participating Auto Zone or O'Reilly Auto Parts in Stanislaus County.



Conditions Apply:

See participating auto parts stores for details. Limit 1 filter per customer per event (valued up to \$12.99). Passenger and light truck oil filters only.

Questions? Call: (209) 577-5493.