

City Beat

DECEMBER 2008

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HOLIDAY TREES TO BE COLLECTED & RECYCLED

City of Modesto crews will begin collecting green, untreated holiday trees in January as part of the normal pruned refuse collection:

Street yard trimming collection begins Monday, January 5, 2009.

Alley yard trimming collection begins Monday, January 19, 2009.

Untreated green trees may also be cut up and placed in your green yard waste can for pick up with your normal weekly collection. *Collected trees are recycled at the City's compost facility.*

Please follow these simple steps to ensure proper disposal of holiday trees:

Disposal of Untreated Green Holiday Trees:

- Remove all tree stands, rods and tinsel. Trees cannot be picked up by City crews if these items have not been removed.
- Cut trees in half if they are more than six (6) feet tall.
- Place trees curbside to be collected with your regular yard trimmings or in your green waste can.

Disposal of Trees Treated With Flocking, Paint or Fireproofing:

Trees with flocking, paint or fireproofing cannot be composted and will not be collected by City crews. Flocked, painted or fireproofed trees may be cut up and placed in your black garbage can or taken to the nearest garbage company transfer station. Transfer stations can be found at the following locations:

Gilton Solid Waste - (209) 527-3781
800 S. McClure Road





Bertolotti Disposal - (209) 537-8000
231 Flamingo Drive

For more information on holiday tree collection or the pruned refuse/green waste program, visit the city's Web site at www.modestogov.com, or contact the Community Forestry Division at (209) 342-2249.

2008/2009 Collection Schedule

Trimmings are only collected once a month and it takes approximately two weeks for collection in each area. Questions? Call the Community Forestry Division at (209) 342-2249.

KEY FOR YARD TRIMMING COLLECTION

-  Days to place trimmings out on the **STREET** for collection
-  Day crews **BEGIN** to pick up **STREET** collection (*first Monday of the month*)
-  Day to place trimmings out in the **ALLEY** for collection
-  Day crews **BEGIN** to pick up **ALLEY** collection (*third Monday of the month*)

DECEMBER 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	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			

LEAVES ONLY
Pile leaves in street.
No yard trimmings.

JANUARY 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				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

FEBRUARY 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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

MARCH 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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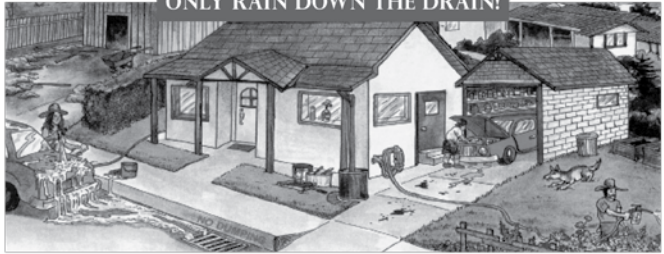
* Due to the cyclic nature of mailing the City Beat with the water/sewer/garbage bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE ROUTE CHANGES

Garbage service will run one day late for all Thursday and Friday route customers for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. No other routes will be affected.

Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday and Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday.

Remember, Modesto's garbage companies take only four holidays per year; New Years Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas.




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

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BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

City of Modesto residents that have black and green garbage cans are allowed two bulky item appointments per calendar year for unwanted furniture and appliances. Unused appointments do not carry over to the next year.

Due to the holiday season, the Bulky Item Program will be suspended from December 22, 2008 – January 2, 2009. Appointments will resume on January 5, 2009. **Please plan accordingly.**

Contact your garbage company to schedule an appointment:

Bertolotti Disposal Service: (209) 537-8000

Gilton Solid Waste: (209) 527-3781

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5494.

GREEN WASTE PROGRAM - EXPANDED

Organic material is the single largest component of all our waste and is the easiest to recycle! The City of Modesto recycles it into compost which is available for purchase to the community.

Residents can now put all of their organic waste into the **green yard waste cans**. Items including yard waste, food waste, cardboard or chipboard; and paper products including junk mail, magazines, phone books, newspaper and shredded paper now go into the green cans.

Please toss items in loosely or place into a **PAPER** bag, please **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** Blue bags with recyclables continue to go into the black can.

DO NOT overfill your can - the lid must be completely closed.

Questions? Call the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5494.

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



Watch Your Car... Thieves Are!

Take all belongings out of your vehicle... **DO NOT** leave anything in plain sight. While shopping, park in well lit areas and be aware of suspicious people and activity as you walk to and from your vehicle.

If you see anything suspicious, call (209) 552-2470 or 911.

For more information, call the
Modesto Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit (209) 572-9500.