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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

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MODESTO BUSINESS RECYCLING AWARDS

Applications now available!

Each year the City of Modesto honors businesses and organizations for their outstanding efforts to **reduce – reuse – recycle** waste products. Applications for the 2013 City of Modesto Business Recycling Awards are now available to any commercial business, organization or non-profit group located within Modesto city limits. Winners will be chosen in each of the following categories:

- Small Business – under 20 employees
- Medium business – 21 to 100 employees
- Large Business – over 100 employees

Honorees will be recognized at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and at a reception at the McHenry Museum on Wednesday, September 18, 2013. *Winners in 2012 included Boyett Petroleum, Center for Human Services, Community Business College, Community Hospice, Memorial Medical Center and Modesto Junk Company.* Applications are available by calling the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5495. **Applications are due no later than August 15, 2013.**

For more information, contact Vicki Rice at (209) 577-5495 or vrice@modestogov.com.

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

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Here are some helpful water conservation tips for the summer:

1. Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
2. Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage.
3. Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
4. Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
5. Avoid planting turf in areas that are hard to water such as steep inclines and isolated strips along sidewalks and driveways.
6. Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption each time you water.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk, and save 80 gallons of water every time.
8. Only water your lawn when needed. You can tell this by simply walking across your lawn. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.
9. Use sprinklers for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.
10. We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.

City of Modesto Water Division staff will have an information booth at the Modesto Home & Garden Show September 27-29, 2013 at the Modesto Centre Plaza. Stop by to learn more about conserving water - our most precious resource!

CITY OF MODESTO TIRE AMNESTY EVENTS

The City of Modesto has been awarded a Tire Amnesty Grant through CalRecycle. As part of an effort to encourage waste tire recycling, free events will be offered in 2013 and 2014. **With a coupon, City of Modesto residents will be able to recycle up to 9 tires per amnesty event, at no cost.** Tires will need to be taken to your local waste hauler, Bertolotti Disposal Service or Gilton Resource Recovery Facility.

2013 Tire Event Dates

- August 1-31 · October 1-31 · December 1-31*
- *Closed 12/25

Coupons will be available upon request through the City of Modesto's Solid Waste Division located at 1010 Tenth Street on the 4th floor in the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department. The office is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (except holidays). **Proof of City of Modesto residency is required to receive a coupon. Limit 1 coupon per household, per event.** City staff are also available by phone to answer any questions about the program at (209) 577-5494.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household hazardous waste is toxic or otherwise dangerous waste that may not be put in your garbage can. It is important to our health and environment that it is disposed of properly.

Most homes are filled with various types of hazardous waste such as motor oil, paint, pesticides, cleaners, herbicides, antifreeze, solvents, aerosol products, fungicides, batteries (all kinds), pharmaceutical waste, fertilizers, cement, pool and spa chemicals, brake fluid, charcoal, lighter fluid, fluorescent light bulbs and electronic waste such as computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, televisions, and DVD players. **All of these items can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (1716 Morgan Rd) and dropped off for free. The facility is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except for major holiday weekends).** For more information, call (209) 525-6789 or (209) 577-5493.

FREE BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASSES

The City of Modesto, in partnership with Modesto Junior College Community Education, is sponsoring **FREE** backyard composting classes for residents of Modesto. Residents living outside of Modesto are also welcome to attend. There will be a \$35.00 tuition cost for those living outside the city.

The two fall classes will be held on:

- Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 10 a.m.-Noon
 - Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- *Advanced registration is required by calling 575-6063.

Those attending and completing the class will be given a \$5.00 coupon toward the purchase of a City of Modesto compost bin. The class will focus on backyard composting, waste reduction/minimization, waste efficient yard care and vermicomposting. With fall just around the corner, this is an excellent opportunity to show people how to make compost from their garbage waste and grow amazing fruits, vegetables and flowers in their own garden. **Come join the fun!**

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