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MODESTO CELEBRATES 28TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR AS A TREE CITY USA

Modesto has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation in honor of our commitment to our community forest. It is the twenty-eighth consecutive year Modesto has received this national recognition.

The City of Modesto has received the Tree City USA designation since 1980. Of the 146 cities in California receiving this distinction, Modesto is one of only 28 cities with 20 or more years. Only six other cities have received the designation for more years.

In celebration of this recognition, **Modesto's Arbor Day 2008** activities will include a program and tree planting at Mary Ann Sanders Elementary School, 3101 Fine Avenue, on **April 16th starting at 1:30 p.m.**

Modesto's community forestry efforts have developed a tremendous legacy for future generations to enjoy. The publicly-owned city forest now totals over 110,000 street and park trees. These trees provide many quality of life benefits for citizens, including improved recreational opportunities, improved air and water quality, reduced temperatures and reduced energy consumption. The community forest also provides improved wildlife habitats, reduced noise levels, and increased property values.

Tree City USA began as a 1976 Bicentennial project co-sponsored by the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA-Forest Service. The National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors are now co-sponsors as well.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards:

1. Create a tree board or department.
2. Adopt a community tree care ordinance.
3. Implement a comprehensive community forestry program.
4. Coordinate an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

For more information about the Tree City USA award, Arbor Day activities, or the community forest, contact Community Forestry at (209) 342-2249.

POLLUTION PREVENTION BEGINS ON YOUR STREET

You can help prevent storm drain and groundwater pollution, protect our waterways, and save our lakes and rivers by following the suggestions below:

- Drain your pool or spa in the sewer, NOT the storm drain
- Rinse paint brushes and pans in the sink, NOT in the driveway
- Dispose of grease in your garbage can, NOT in the sink
- Control erosion by preventing dirt, concrete and debris from entering gutters and storm drains
- Use non-toxic alternatives to pesticides and herbicides
- Keep leaves and yard clippings at least one foot from the curb
- Sweep driveways, patios, and sidewalks rather than hosing them off with water
- Dispose of animal waste in the garbage can
- Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to clean up oil spills
- Maintain your car to prevent oil & antifreeze leaking into the street
- Wash cars on unpaved surfaces or in a commercial car wash
- Avoid dumping motor oil down storm drains

Please report illegal dumping by calling the **Wastewater Services Division at (209) 577-6200.**

** Due to the cyclic nature of mailing the City Beat with the utility bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.*

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City of Modesto – Compost Facility

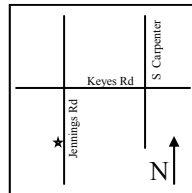
BUY ONE YARD AT \$15.75...
GET THE SECOND **"FREE"**

7007 Jennings Rd
Modesto Ca
538-2557



Hours:
Monday – Friday
11:00AM – 3:30PM
Closed 12:00-1:00

- 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
- 1 free yard per paying customer
- Coupon Expires 6/31/08



Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is a term used to describe used items or chemicals commonly found in your home that **cannot be put in your garbage can**. Items such as paint, motor oil, drain cleaner, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, cleaning solvents, batteries, fluorescent lights and electronic waste are all considered hazardous.

Modesto residents can dispose of their HHW for FREE at the Stanislaus County HHW Facility. The facility is located at 1716 Morgan Road near W. Hatch Rd. & Highway 99 and is open each Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., except major holidays. In addition, residents can pick up FREE products the 3rd Friday of each month.

Please call the *County Department of Environmental Resources (DER)* at (209) 525-6700 or the *City of Modesto Solid Waste Office* at (209) 577-5494 for details.

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Recycling Program

Modesto residents are eligible to recycle their CRT's (televisions and computer monitors). City of Modesto residential garbage customers can recycle two CRT's per calendar year and commercial garbage customers can recycle four.

Please call your garbage company to request a CRT coupon.

Bertolotti Disposal: (209) 537-8000
Gilton Solid Waste: (209) 527-3781

If you have any questions, call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494 or see details at www.modestogov.com/pwd/recycling.



2008 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 the Community Forestry Division 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

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27	28	29	30			

May

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June

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