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City Beat

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Second Chance Week October 18-24

Second Chance Week is a national public awareness campaign held each October to promote the reuse of old items through Reuse, Repair, Resale and Donation. This year the City of Modesto will be collecting "gently used" blankets. Donated items will be disbursed to various local agencies to help prepare families and individuals in need for the cold winter months.

Please consider giving your "gently used" blankets a second chance by donating them during this special collection event. Collection bins will be available at the following locations throughout Second Chance Week:

t Modesto Fire Stations:

- 610 11th Street
- 420 Chicago Street
- 635 El Vista Avenue
- Blue Gum Avenue
- 200 W. Briggsmore Avenue
- 2700 Standiford Avenue
- 1800 Mable Avenue
- 4025 Fara Biundo Drive
- 148 Imperial Avenue
- 4225 Carver Road

t Tenth Street Place (lobby) – 1010 10th St. (Monday-Friday only)

Remember -- REUSE is the best form of recycling!

For more information, please call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5495.

FREE Waste Tire Collection Events

The City of Modesto will host several free waste tire collection events through the end of the year. Contact your garbage company for a required coupon BEFORE you take your tires to the appropriate transfer station.

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

DO NOT mix tires with other waste. Limit of 9 tires per load/calendar year. Tires can be any size – with or without rims. This program is for Modesto residents only – no businesses allowed.

Tire Event Dates:

September 6-12, 2009

October 4-10, 2009

November 1-7, 2009

December 6-12, 2009

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Zero Waste - You Make It Happen!



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Water Conservation in Cooler Weather

September and October have historically been the time of year when overwatering occurs. The air is cooler, days are shorter, and growth is slowing down. During the fall, an average lawn only requires 4"-6" of water a month. We forget to adjust our sprinkler systems because we spent so much time during the summer adjusting them to keep our lawns green. Take a moment and help conserve our water by programming your irrigation systems to reflect this time of year. Decrease your water usage by using only the proper amount of water. If you have any questions regarding water conservation, climate zones, or need a watering schedule, visit our website at www.modestogov.com and click on the water conservation link.

MPD News

The Modesto Police Department is now broadcasting vital crime and public safety information via **Nixle.com**. The free service allows pertinent information to be relayed to the residents of the city. Nixle is a platform which allows law enforcement and government agencies to quickly disseminate breaking news and crime information in a number of ways. Subscribers to the free service can receive information via text message, e-mail, or by logging into their Nixle account on the internet. To sign up, visit Nixle.com today!

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City of Modesto City Hall, located at 1010 Tenth Street, will be closed due to the holidays and work furloughs:

December 24, 2009 through January 3, 2010

For assistance with your utility services, Customer Service Representatives will be available by phone Monday, December 28, 2009 through Wednesday, December 30, 2009, from 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Utility payments can be made by phone or online
24 hours a day - 7 days a week



Customer Service
(209) 577-5395



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Option 4



Pay Online at
www.modestogov.com

For information on all City Hall holiday closures visit us online at:
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Fill Up Your Green Can!

Modesto residents are recycling more than ever by putting all organic waste in the green can! Organic waste includes yard waste, food waste, cardboard and most paper products, including newspaper, junk mail, magazines, computer paper, phone books and paper bags.

All non-organic waste, including garbage, scrap lumber or wood products, plastic bags or sheeting, dirt and rocks must go in the black can. Be sure to place all plastic, steel, aluminum, tin and glass recyclables in blue recycling bags inside the black can.

All organic material is processed into compost at Modesto's Compost Facility and is available for purchase. Please call (209) 538-2557 for details.

Remember: Do not overfill cans; all lids must be completely closed.

For more information, call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494.

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