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www.modestogov.com



The City of Modesto has a unique storm drain system. Our system uses a combination of positive storm drains and rockwells to handle runoff water. Rockwells are designed to take one inch of rainwater into the ground over a 24- to 36-hour period. Positive storm drain systems, which are much more expensive to install, take the water immediately off the street and place it into storage basins. The water in these basins is either pumped to canals and rivers or is left in the basin to percolate into the groundwater.

Prior to 1990, rockwells were the primary storm drainage device used within the City. Our current storm

Overview of Modesto's Storm Drain System

drainage system has more than 11,000 rockwells. Over time, rockwells clog up with roots, silt, dirt and organic debris. This can make them inoperable. Cement, solvents, oil, grout and paints can also clog a rockwell. When this occurs, the well cannot take in water. Over the past several years, major efforts have been made to revitalize our rockwells. City crews work year-round to clean out rockwells and keep them clear of debris.

All of the City's rockwells are cleaned annually. Several thousand have been rejuvenated and additional rockwells have been added in key locations over the past several years. Permanent storm drain basins are also cleaned and rehabilitated throughout the year.

The City has benefited from this maintenance

strategy. While localized flooding occurs on some streets, most streets are reasonably free of standing water within 24 hours of a storm. For the first time in years, many chronically flooded streets have functioning storm drainage.

As time passes and our system grows larger, additional resources will be needed in order to continue to provide this level of service for our storm drainage system. The age of our system is also a factor, as older components fail more frequently and require more maintenance.

For more information on the city's storm drainage systems, please contact the Stormwater Collections Division at 577-6200 or visit the City's website: www.modestogov.com.



A Rockwell is installed in Modesto



Cathode Ray Tube Recycling

USA Today reports that by 2006, more than 163,000 TVs and computers are expected to become obsolete in the USA every day. TVs and computer monitors contain cathode ray tubes (CRTs), which are considered hazardous as they contain high volumes of lead.

Modesto residents and businesses can safely dispose of them by calling their garbage company and requesting a CRT coupon. The total amount of CRT disposals per calendar year are as follows: Residents can dispose of two and businesses can dispose of four.

Modesto Garbage Companies

Bertolotti Disposal Service

(209) 537-8000

Gilton Solid Waste Management

(209) 527-3781

Waste Management - Modesto Disposal

(209) 538-2210

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Cell Phone Recycling

City of Modesto residents can put their old cell phones to good use! Donated phones are distributed to local senior citizens for calling 911 in police, fire and medical emergencies. It's easy! Just drop your phones, batteries and chargers (in working condition) in the designated donation box at all local Save Mart Supermarkets. The Area Agency on Aging coordinates the distribution; contact them directly with questions regarding program eligibility.

Area Agency on Aging

1-800-510-2020
121 Downey Ave

Save Mart Supermarkets

1801 H Street
801 Oakdale Road
1717 Oakdale Road
2601 Oakdale Road
415 Paradise Road
3900 Pelandale Ave
2100 Standiford Ave

2005 YARD TRIMMINGS COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The calendar below provides you with specific information about when you should place your Yard Trimmings out for collection. Trimmings are only collected once a month. Remember, it takes approximately two weeks for crews to pick up your collection area. If you should require additional information, you may call the Urban Forestry Division at 209-342-2249.

Key for Street Collection	Only days you may place your trimmings out on the STREET for collection	Key for Alley Collection	Only days you may place your trimmings out on the ALLEY for collection
	Day crews start to pick up STREET collection (First Monday of Month)		Day crews start to pick up ALLEY collection (Third Monday of Month)



December 2005: Leaves picked up only. No yard trimmings. Leaves will be collected from STREETS only. No plastic bags, boxes, etc.

For further information or questions regarding this schedule, please call the Community Forestry Division at 342-2249.

Only Rain Down the Drain!



PLEASE KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN!

Never pour used oil, paint, gasoline or chemicals down storm drains!

Report Pollution: (209) 577-4200 Recycle Used Oil & Filters: (209) 577-5493

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November Holiday Garbage Routes

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, garbage service will run one day behind for all Thursday and Friday routes. Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday and Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday.

Questions? Please call the Solid Waste Office at 577-5494.

Waste Tire Recycling

Storing waste tires attracts mosquitoes, rodents, and other disease carrying pests. Recycle them and help keep our community clean and beautiful! Recycled waste tires are used to build new roads, provide safe landings at the playground and insulate your home!

Local recycling opportunities:

- 1) Drop-off at any local garbage company transfer station at your convenience. A small fee will apply.
- 2) Drop-off at the next tire collection event, free. Events are for City of Modesto residents only, no businesses.

Date: Saturday, December 10th, 2005
Place: Beyer High School - 1717 Sylvan Ave.
Time: 8 AM - 11 AM OR UNTIL TWO COLLECTION TRAILERS ARE FILLED, NO EXCEPTIONS

Limits: One (1) coupon per household
Eight (8) tires per coupon - no size limit
Maximum eight (8) tires per vehicle
Tires with or without rims - OK
Proof of residency is required
Limits will be strictly enforced

Questions? Call the City of Modesto Solid Waste Office at 577-5494.



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Year round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
If Your Address is...	ODD		EVEN		ODD		EVEN
Midnight to 12 noon	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
12 noon to 7 PM	DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!						
7 PM to Midnight	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER

For more information regarding water conservation call 342-4580.

To report water waste call 571-5103.



