

WATER CONSERVATION

March is here and it's the perfect time to take a look at your landscaping irrigation system. Cold weather conditions put added stress on your irrigation system, so take a moment and make a visual inspection of your entire system.

- Check your anti-siphon valves for any erosion, standing water, or leaks.
- Run your sprinkler system and look for any leaks from the valve to the spray head. Clear any debris, grass, and plants from the sprinkler spray and adjust them so they don't spray walk ways, walls, or driveways.
- For drip irrigation systems, run them for 20-30 minutes, check for leaks or clogged emitters. Place the emitters in the correct place as plants grow.
- Finally, set your controller to the correct water days and times. Replace the back up battery if needed.

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.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>



Backyard Composting Classes

FREE to Modesto residents
(\$30.00 for non-Modesto residents)

Call Modesto Junior College
to register - 575-6063

Upcoming Classes:

Wednesday, March 23 • 6:30-8:30 p.m. • Saturday, April 16 • 10 a.m.-noon



BUILDING CODES

Building Codes are proven to save lives and protect buildings, which is why the City of Modesto requires building permits. It's a way to verify that a project has been completed in accordance with all the life safety requirements contained within the building codes.

Unfortunately, few homeowners consider the necessity of a permit for a water heater, furnace, air conditioner or roof replacement. Some contractors even give homeowners two estimates, one with a permit and one without in order to reduce the cost of an installation. This practice can be dangerous and cost you more money down the line! Here are some reasons it is not a good idea to opt out of a permit:

- **Safety:** water heaters, furnaces and air conditioners all have a power source and improper installation can put the homeowner at risk for fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, or electrocution; and a faulty roof replacement can cause mold and/or dry rot.
- **Missed opportunity:** the additional money to have an impartial inspector review an installation can be priceless. Even the best contractor can make mistakes and these mistakes, while not always life threatening, can cost the homeowner down the road. Also, an improper installation can affect the efficiency and life of the equipment, causing it to fail before it should.

The City of Modesto's Building Safety Division is committed to providing excellent customer service. Should you have any questions or concerns, call (209) 577-5232 or visit: <http://www.modestogov.com/ced/about/building>.

CITY OF MODESTO WASTE TIRE RECYCLING EVENTS

Program guidelines:

- City of Modesto residents only
- No businesses
- Tires with rims—OK
- Tires all sizes—OK
- Questions? Call (209) 577-5495

What to do:

- Call your garbage company and request a coupon
Gilton Solid Waste (209) 527-3781
Bertolotti Disposal (209) 537-8000
- Take tires to garbage company
- Do not mix tires with other waste

FREE DISPOSAL ON DATES LISTED BELOW

March 6-12 • April 3-9
May 1-7 • June 5-11



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