

City Beat

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Save the Date!

Earth Day in the Park Coming Soon!

Modesto's 20th Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival is coming to Graceada Park on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This year's theme is "Back to the Basics! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."



The FREE event offers a lot of information on "greening" your home and lifestyle, various health issues and local services. Plan to enjoy a full day of free entertainment, great food and lots of family fun!

Festival organizers are seeking new vendors that offer "green" solutions to today's issues. If you would like to be considered as a vendor, please visit www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling and download the vendor packet. All applications must be received in the Solid Waste Office by Friday, April 3.

This event is sponsored by local businesses that care about the environment. Earth Day in the Park could not take place without their generosity! If you would like to become a sponsor, please visit www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling and download the sponsor packet. Your support is appreciated!

Questions? Call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5495.

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

The Modesto-area Crime Stoppers has launched "Campus Crime Stoppers." This program allows students on local middle and high school campuses to provide crime tips while remaining anonymous. Tipsters are eligible for a cash reward for information provided.

Information can be sent to "TIP704," along with the message or via the internet at www.modestopolice.com/crimestoppers and clicking on the "Send a Tip" icon.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Household hazardous waste is toxic or otherwise dangerous waste that may not be put in your regular garbage can. It is important to the community's health and environment that all hazardous waste is disposed of properly and carefully.

Most homes are filled with many types of hazardous waste. Hazardous waste includes items such as motor oil, paint, pesticides, gasoline, cleaners, herbicides, antifreeze, drain cleaners, dormant sprays, solvents, aerosol products, fungicides, carburetor cleaners, batteries (all kinds), syringes, pharmaceutical waste, fertilizers, roof tar, cement, pool and spa chemicals, brake fluid, kerosene gas, charcoal, lighter fluid and fluorescent light bulbs. Electronic waste such as computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, televisions and DVD players are also considered hazardous waste.

All of these items can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility and dropped off for FREE! The facility is located at 1716 Morgan Road and is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The facility is closed on major holiday weekends. For more information, call (209) 525-4123 or (209) 577-5494.

WATER CONSERVATION...

“Reviewing the Basics”

Spring is right around the corner and you may be starting new gardening projects with the nice sunny weather. With California possibly having the largest drought in State history, the City of Modesto is focused on reviewing the fundamentals of water conservation.

“Reviewing the Basics”:

1. Use water-conserving plants. Choose plants that are naturally adapted to our region’s conditions.
2. Group plants wisely. Place thirsty plants together and drought resistant plants elsewhere.
3. Limit turf areas. A lawn requires more irrigation than almost any other landscape feature.
4. Irrigate efficiently. Make sure your watering practices and devices are as efficient as possible.
5. Improve your soil. Routinely cultivate your soil, incorporating organic matter such as compost.
6. Mulch. Apply a layer of organic mater over soil around plants.
7. Control weeds. They absorb water needed by desirable plants.
8. Keep plants healthy. If they are robust, they will be able to withstand dry periods.
9. Care for container plants. Group containers so they shade one another.
10. Follow the year-round watering schedule as shown below:

	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**



Waste Tire Recycling Program

Tires that are kept in backyards and garages pose a hazard in many ways. Don’t let waste tires pile up, dispose of them properly.

City of Modesto residents can recycle their waste tires for **FREE** at any of the scheduled Waste Tire Recycling events. The tires are recycled locally and made into many useful products.

Recycling your tires with the City’s **Waste Tire Recycling Program** is simple! To take advantage of this great program there are two things you must do:

1. Call your garbage company and request a Tire Recycling Coupon. It will be mailed to you:
 - Gilton Solid Waste: (209) 527-3781
 - Bertolotti Disposal: (209) 537-8000
2. Take the coupon and your waste tires to your garbage company for free disposal on the following dates:
 - April 5-11, 2009
 - May 3-9, 2009
 - June 7-13, 2009

You must bring your Tire Recycling Coupon with you when you drop-off your tires.

Each *household* is limited to nine (9) tires. Tires can be any size; tires with or without rims are accepted.

WARNING: Per state law, you may not transport more than nine (9) waste tires without a Waste Tire Hauler Permit or written permission by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Questions? Call the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5494.

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