

# City Beat

JANUARY 2009

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## MODESTO RESIDENTS HAVE OPTIONS FOR DISPOSING OF YARD WASTE

The City of Modesto offers residents *two options* for disposing of their yard waste. The *first option* is for small items, such as grass clippings and weeds which can, and should, be placed in your green yard waste can.

The *second option* is for larger yard waste such as tree trimmings. To properly dispose of these larger wood trimmings, follow the guidelines below and the schedule to the right for collection:

### What will get picked up?

Large pieces of wood, such as tree trimmings. Tree trimmings must be less than six feet in length and less than six inches in diameter. No single trimming can weigh more than 50 pounds.

### When and where can my trimmings go out for collection?

- **Street:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the **first** Monday of each month. Trimmings should be placed at the curb in front of your property, should not extend more than three feet into the street and must be at least one foot from the foot of the curb. Where curbs do not exist, trimmings should be placed one foot from the point of low drainage.
- **Alley:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the **third** Monday of each month. Trimmings should be placed in the alley behind your property, should not extend more than three feet into the alley and must be at least one foot from the fence.

*Yard trimmings should not be placed near sewer clean-outs, manholes, fire hydrants, drains or other utility fixtures.*

*Note: In December only leaves are picked up. All leaves are picked-up from the streets. There is no alley pick-up for leaves.*

### When does the City collect my yard trimmings?

- **Street** collection begins the 1st Monday of each month, and takes one to two weeks to complete.
- **Alley** collection begins the 3rd Monday of each month, and takes one to two weeks to complete.





For this program, crews **WILL NOT** collect: *tree stumps, household items, tires, plastic, bags, boxes, cardboard, trash, junk, dirt, rocks, concrete, sod, ground cover, building materials or scrap lumber.* For disposal options for these items, call the Solid Waste Division at (209) 577-5494.

## 2009 Collection Schedule

Large Yard Trimmings are only collected once a month and it takes approximately two weeks for collection in each area.

Questions? Call the Community Forestry Division at (209) 342-2249.

### KEY FOR YARD TRIMMING COLLECTION

-  Days to place trimmings out on the **STREET** for collection
-  Day crews **BEGIN** to pick up **STREET** collection (*first Monday of the month*)
-  Day to place trimmings out in the **ALLEY** for collection
-  Day crews **BEGIN** to pick up **ALLEY** collection (*third Monday of the month*)

### JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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④	⑤	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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### MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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\* Due to the cyclic nature of mailing the City Beat with the water/sewer/garbage bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.

## Waste Tire Recycling Program

City of Modesto residents can recycle their waste tires for free! To take advantage of this great program there are two things you must do:

1. Call your garbage company and request a coupon 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:
  - February 1-7, 2009
  - March 1-7, 2009

The program has a few guidelines:

- City of Modesto residents only; no businesses.
- Tires with rims and tires of all sizes are okay.

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

*This program was made possible by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.*



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Oakdale Police • Stanislaus Sheriff • Newman Police

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to view wanted persons in your area.

ALL CALLERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND  
CAN BE ELIGIBLE FOR CASH REWARDS.

(209) 521-4636 or  
(209) 521-(INFO)

Text a tip on a wanted  
person to: "TIP704  
(plus your message)" to  
CRIMES (274637).

## FOG & RAIN SAFETY

The Modesto Police Department would like to remind drivers to drive slowly in the fog and rain. Driving the posted speed limit may be unsafe when visibility is greatly reduced.

It is always a good idea to leave earlier than you need to when you have an appointment so you aren't rushed.

Turning on your headlights in the fog increases the ability of other drivers to see you.

REMEMBER: If your windshield wipers are on,  
your headlights must also be on...  
IT'S THE LAW!



## Winter Water Conservation

Even though we are in the middle of the winter season, we need to continue conserving water. Along with the cooler temperatures, the growth in lawns and gardens have slowed in comparison to the summer and fall months. Cooler temperatures brings less evaporation, which means your lawn and garden require less water. Be a wiser water miser!

Helpful winter lawn and garden tips include:

- Water when grass shows signs of distress (bluish-gray color/folded leaf blades); do not water again until symptoms reappear.
- When watering is needed, apply no more than ½ an inch to ¾ of an inch of water.
- Program your sprinkler system for fewer days during the week with shorter cycles - while still keeping with the year-round watering schedule for your address.
- Turn off your automatic sprinkler system when it rains. Most systems have a rain delay position and will not lose any programmed watering information.

## BACKYARD COMPOSTING CLASSES

The City of Modesto in partnership with Modesto Junior College Community Education will offer FREE backyard composting classes to Modesto residents.

**\*\*Non-Modesto residents will be charged a \$30 fee.**

This class will teach you how to put your garden refuse to good use.

Classes will be held as follows:

- **Tuesday, March 31**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
East Campus, Agriculture Building, room #124
- **Saturday, May 2**  
10 a.m.-noon  
East Campus, Agriculture Building, room #133

To register, contact the Modesto Junior College Community Education Office at (209) 575-6063. **Hurry, space is limited!**