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**Remember, Knowledge is Power.
Test Your Recycling Knowledge Today**

1. A modern glass bottle takes how many years to decompose?

- a. 400
- b. 4,000
- c. 6,000
- d. 60,000

2. How many Styrofoam cups do Americans throw away each year?

- a. 25,000
- b. 250,000
- c. 25,000,000
- d. 25,000,000,000

3. Every year, each American throws out about how many pounds of organic garbage that could be composted?

- a. 1,200
- b. 5,000
- c. 10,000
- d. 12,000

4. Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill approximately how many animals each year?

- a. 500
- b. 1,000
- c. 10,000
- d. 1,000,000

5. The average American uses _____ trees a year in paper, wood, and other products made from trees.

- a. 1
- b. 5
- c. 7
- d. 14



Answers: 1)b 2)d 3)a 4)d 5)c

FALL 2007 Activity Guide Available August 6!

The City of Modesto Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department's Fall 2007 Activity Guide will be available on August 6.

The guide is filled with classes, programs, special events and activities for the whole family.

Download the guide at:
www.modestogov.com/prnd/activityguide
or pick up a FREE copy of the guide at:

- Parks, Recreation and**
- IHLKERUKRRGHSUWPHW2IEFH**
- Tenth Street Place, 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 4400
- ROGOO2IE 720 Coldwell Avenue
- Senior Citizens Center**, 211 Bodem Street
- King-Kennedy Memorial Center**, 601 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
- Maddux Youth Center**, 615 Sierra Drive
- Stanislaus County Library**, 1500 I Street

For more information, call (209) 577-5344

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

Warmer Summer Months Mean Increased Water Use.

Warmer summer months mean increased water use. During a typical summer, Modesto residents use three times more water than they do in the winter! Much of this is directly related to outdoor water use.

The following are some ways that you can help ensure we all have enough water pressure this summer:

- Consider putting your landscape irrigation on a timer. The best ones allow you to select specific days of the week for watering and have a battery backup in case of power failure. They can also be programmed to run more than once a day. Purchasing this type of timer will also help you comply with the City of Modesto Year-Round Outdoor Watering Schedule.
- Be sure to water early in the morning or in the evening after 7 p.m. This will keep the hot sun from evaporating the water and results in more efficient watering.
- Find out what type of soil you have at your home. If you have very hard soil, it is better to water two to three times on your scheduled watering days for five

minutes at a time rather than once a day for a longer period. By watering wisely you will experience less runoff and most of the water will stay where it should. Remember, you must keep water on your property when watering outdoors. Flooding gutters is not using water wisely and is a violation of city restrictions.

- Purchase drought-tolerant plants and shrubs. If you are not sure which plants are drought-tolerant, ask at your local nursery for great landscaping ideas.
- Check sprinklers once a month to make sure they are not broken. Make sure sprinklers are not spraying onto streets, sidewalks or driveways.
- Turn off the sprinklers on windy days.
- Use a shut-off nozzle whenever you use a hose. Also, consider using a broom to clean sidewalks, patios etc.

Remember, with water, there is never enough to waste!

To learn more about saving water or if you need help setting automatic sprinkler timers, call (209) 342-4580 or visit www.modestogov.com.

City of Modesto – Compost Facility

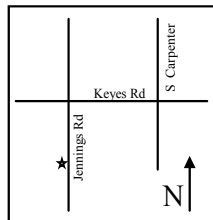
BUY ONE YARD AT \$15.75...
GET THE SECOND **"FREE"**

7007 Jennings Rd
Modesto Ca
538-2557



Hours:
Monday – Friday
12:30 – 3:30

- An open bed pickup or trailer is needed to purchase compost
- Please bring this coupon with you to receive this "free" offer
- Bulk Sales only
- 1 free yard per paying customer
- Coupon Expires 12/31/07



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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	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
Midnight to Noon	WATER	DO NOT WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
Noon to 7 PM	<i>DO NOT WATER DURING THESE HOURS!</i>						
7 PM to Midnight	WATER	DO NOT 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 regarding water conservation, or to report water waste, call (209) 342-4580.

