

Water...

Everyone needs it. But why is it important to keep it clean?

Let the City of Modesto come to your class to teach your students simple pollution prevention tips to help keep our water clean.

Students learn in a fun environment, with hands-on activities to help them understand how they can help keep our water clean.

All Presentation times are based on 30 students. Presentations can be arranged for more students or back-to-back classes.

Storm Water Facts

- Less than 1% of the water on the earth can actually be used by human beings.
- Storm drains do not remove pollutants and were designed for the specific purpose of draining water from sidewalks and streets.
- Anything you place in storm drains goes directly into a lake or stream.
- One of the most common pollutants found in storm drains and creeks is detergent from the washing of cars.
- It is illegal to dump wastewater or water containing soaps, cleaning products, or grease and oil into streets or storm drains.
- The improper use of lawn fertilizers can be a main source of water pollution.
- Most water pollution is preventable.

Zero Waste You Make It Happen

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Free Pollution Prevention Presentations Grades 4th - 6th



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Solid Waste Management
Division

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Classroom Presentations



Free City of Modesto classroom presentations on pollution prevention involve the water cycle and the importance of not contaminating storm drains. All presentations meet the science content standards for grade levels 4 through 6.



Presentations range from 45 to 90 minutes.

Custom programs are available per request, including additional activity ideas for the teacher.

Basic Presentation (45 min)

- 10 minute introduction
- 7 minute video “Go With the Flow”
- Demonstration
- Question & Answer Period

Demonstration includes examples of storm drains and an explanation of what happens when a storm drain is polluted.

“Let’s Talk About Our Trash” (75 min)

- Basic Presentation elements
- A hands-on demonstration about water resources and what everyone’s responsibility is. Students are allotted time to draw what they would do with property next to a river and then are shown what trash is created by their choices.



Our rivers and streams are natural resources. It’s everyone’s responsibility to protect them.

“The Water Cycle” (90 min)

- Basic Presentation elements
- A hands-on demonstration about the water cycle. Children follow the path of a drop of rain as it ventures through the water cycle and encounters debris in our storm drains and rivers.

For more information or to request a presentation contact:

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To report illegal dumping into a storm drain, please contact the City of Modesto Storm Drain Division at (209) 577-6200.

To recycle used oil, contact the City of Modesto at (209) 577-5493.