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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

## **CITY OF CHICO LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**(Chico, CA – October 9, 2020 –)** The City of Chico Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf collection program on November 1, 2020. The last day for residents to place leaves in the street for collection is January 1, 2021.

The City does not maintain a set schedule to collect residential leaves. The leaf collection route begins in the southwest section of the City and progresses northerly in a clockwise direction until the entire City is serviced. The process is then repeated. The route usually takes 4-6 weeks for completion.

The purpose of the leaf pickup program is to prevent flooding, reduce organic loading to creeks, and keep the roadway and bike lanes clear. City residents are advised of the following:

- Keep piles under 4 feet high, 1 foot away from the curb, out of bicycle lanes, and away from storm drain inlets.
- Leaves only – no branches, prunings, plastic bags, or trash.
- Routine street sweeping is suspended from November to January each year.

As required by the Chico Municipal Code, property owners of commercial, multifamily properties larger than a triplex, and landscape companies servicing these properties shall not place leaves in the public right-of-way. For these properties, the City encourages the use of curbside yard waste containers, the City's compost facility (free for loads of leaves only through January 1) located at 4441 Cohasset Road, open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, or commercial leaf drop-off locations. The commercial leaf drop-off locations will close on **December 17, 2020**.

For additional information, call 530-894-4205, or visit the City's website at <https://chico.ca.us/post/street-sweeping-leaf-collection>.

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