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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 15, 2022

CHICO, CA — (Tuesday, November 01, 2022) The City of Chico Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf collection program on **November 15, 2022**. The last collection route through the City will be on **January 1, 2023**. After the last pickup on your street in January, no more leaves may be placed in the street.

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 can take up to 6 weeks to complete.

The purpose of the program is to provide residents with a convenient disposal solution for their leaves, as well as prevent flooding and reduce organic loading to creeks. City residents are advised:

- Keep piles under 4 feet high, away from the gutter, 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 15, 2022**.

For additional information, call 530-894-4205, or visit the City's website at www.chicoca.gov.

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the world. For more information, visit www.chico.ca.us

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