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

CITY OF CHICO LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2021

(Chico, CA – October 18, 2021 –) The City of Chico Public Works Department will begin the annual Leaf Collection Program on **November 1, 2021**. The last collection route in the City will begin **January 1, 2022**. After the last pickup in January 2022, residents may not place additional leaves in the street.

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 takes approximately 4-6 weeks for completion. Due to the varying amount of leaf drop, the City does not maintain a set schedule to collect residential leaves.

The purpose of the Leaf Collection Program is to prevent flooding, reduce organic loading to creeks, keep the roadways and bike lanes clear, and provide a convenient solution for citizens to dispose of their leaves.

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.
- No additional leaves may be placed in the street after the last residential pickup in January.

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 and open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or commercial leaf drop-off locations. The commercial leaf drop-off locations will close on **December 16, 2021**.

For additional information, please call (530) 894-4205 or visit the Leaf Collection Program page on the City's website at <https://chico.ca.us/post/street-sweeping-leaf-collection>.

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