



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

The City of Chico Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf collection program on **November 1, 2019**. The last day for residents to place leaves in the street for collection is **January 1, 2020**.

As required by the Chico Municipal Code, property owners of commercial, multifamily properties larger than a triplex, and landscape companies servicing these properties cannot 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 8AM – 4PM, or commercial leaf drop-off locations. The commercial leaf drop-off locations will close on **December 19, 2019**.

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

- 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.
- Due to heavy leaf drop, street sweeping is suspended from November to January each year.

For additional information, call 530-894-4205, or visit the City's website at [www.ci.chico.ca.us](http://www.ci.chico.ca.us).

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