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CITY OF CHICO ANNOUNCES 2026 LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

CHICO, CA —The City of Chico Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf collection program on **November 16, 2026**. The last collection route through the City will begin on **January 1, 2027**. 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.
- Try not to park on top of, or too close to leaf piles as the loader operator will not be able to pick them up safely.
- Make piles of leaves only – no branches, prunings, bags, or trash.
- Routine, scheduled street sweeping is suspended from November through 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 residents to utilize curbside yard waste containers. An additional yard waste container is available from Waste Management at no additional cost.

Please note, the City's compost facility located at 4441 Cohasset Road is permanently closed to the public. Commercial contractors needing green waste disposal may use the Old Durham Wood Facility located at 1156 Oroville-Chico HWY, Durham Ca. Disposal at this location is subject to applicable fees.

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 United States. For more information, visit www.chicoca.gov.

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