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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! LET'S PUT LEAVES IN THEIR PLACE!

The days are growing crisper and fall is upon us. Already many of the trees in Vacaville have lost their leaves, indicating the upcoming arrival of winter rains.

Residents are asked to keep their lawns tidy and streets and storm drains free of debris while at the same time recycling. Leaves and other yard trimmings should be placed in green totes for weekly pickup. And don't forget — fruit and vegetable scraps can also be placed in the green totes.

It's especially important not to blow or rake leaves into the street. Leaves can conceal substantial objects, such as rocks or hubcaps, resulting in dangerous driving conditions. Vacaville Sanitary Service street sweepers are not equipped nor intended to pick up large piles of leaves - the hidden rocks and debris can damage the equipment. Leaves can also clog storm drains, creating flooding that can make cars stall or disrupt steering. Leaves in the street may also entice children to play in the streets, jeopardizing their safety.

This is also a good time to make sure landscaping services doesn't blow or rake fallen leaves into the street. It is the homeowner's responsibility to coordinate that landscapers either haul yard waste away or use the homeowner's green toter. If residents need an extra toter for leaf season, Vacaville Sanitary Service can provide one for a small fee by calling 448-2945. Residents can also use 32-gallon garbage cans with handles and lids and place them at the curb at no charge.

Help us keep our Vacaville neighborhoods safe and free of tree debris. Put leaves in your green toter each week!

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