



Leaf Season Starts November 1 for Residential Yard Waste Collection

City of Sacramento residential customers can legally place yard waste piles in the street for collection during the City's designated leaf season of November, December and January. The first day yard waste piles can be placed on the street for collection is Friday, November 1, 2013. The last day piles can be placed on the street will be Friday, January 31, 2014.

Weekly yard waste container collection will continue year-round on your regular collection day. Leaf pile pickup typically occurs every 7 to 10 days and will usually not occur on your regular collection day.

The City encourages residents to use the container first then create a pile. By using the container along with the pile crews can clear streets faster and the Claw may come through your neighborhood more frequently.

Claw Schedule

Pile collection by the Claw is unpredictable and varies due to weather and the amount of material on the streets. City crews work rain or shine six-days-a-week, including holidays. Stormy weather or days with high volume piles in one neighborhood may impact the speed of clearing an area and moving to the next neighborhood.

From October 28th 2013 through January 31, 2014 customers can get an estimate of when pile collection will occur in their neighborhood by visiting www.sacrecycle.org or calling 311. A new Claw Schedule feature will give users information on the last day that piles were collected on their street, and an estimate of when the Claw will return for the next pile pickup.

Leaf Pile Guidelines

- Place the pile six feet from any obstruction (cars, boats, basketball hoops etc.)
- Make sure there is space between the curb and pile to allow water to flow to storm drains. Do not place piles in bike lanes.
- Do not put pet waste in any yard waste pile or container. Pet waste goes into the garbage container.
- Christmas Trees will be accepted in piles
- Yard waste piles that are on the street before November 1 or after January 31 may be tagged by code enforcement as illegal dumping and property owners may be subject to fines.

For more information visit www.sacrecycle.org

