

Village of Tolono

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SUBJECT: Proposed changes to Ordinance 2014-O-15 Regulating Burning of Leaves

Dear Residents,

On November 1, the Village Board Considered a proposal to implement a leaf burning ban immediately which would modify the existing Village Ordinance concerning the burning of leaves. The proposal was rejected leaving the existing Ordinance in effect. The existing ordinance will ban leaf burning on January 1, 2017. Dry leaves and other landscape waste burning is still allowed during daylight hours from Monday through Saturday. No burning is allowed on Sunday or at times when safe or proper burning is not possible. The burning of rubbish, garbage, paper or other combustible material is not allowed at any time. Recreational Burning of Fuel for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes may be allowed where the fire is contained to a Recreational Fire Enclosure. Burn Barrels are not allowed at any time. Please see specific exemptions in the ordinance at <http://tolonoil.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014-15.pdf>.

As we said in our previous letter, we strongly urge you to consider other methods to deal with your leaves including mulching, composting or raking the leaves to the curb for pickup by our leaf vacuum.

If you choose to rake the leaves for pickup, please follow these guidelines.

1. Do NOT mix leaves with other materials such as branches or rocks.
2. Rake the leaves to within 4 feet of the street to allow the vacuum to reach the leaves easily.

Beginning on November 2, the leaf removal crew will daily patrol the neighborhoods for leaves to remove. We will continue leaf removal until it appears that all leaves have been removed. If your leaves have not been picked up within three work days, please contact the Village at 485-5212. We expect most residents to rake leaves during the weekend, so the workload during the first part of the week will be the highest.

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