

Community Chipping Day Program

DIY Guide



Get Defensive – Create Defensible Space! Participants are encouraged to utilize the Community Chipping Day program to address hazardous vegetation within the first 100 feet around your home to create and maintain wildfire defensible space.



Acceptable materials:

- Woody vegetation; green and/or dead. Cut to 8 ft maximum length
 - Brush
 - Limbs $\leq 5''$ diameter

No Cost Service!



Prohibited materials:

- Non-vegetation
- Roots
- Root balls
- Vines
- Poison oak
- Scrap lumber
- Treated wood
- Commercial orchard prunings
- Commercial timber slash

How to prepare for the Community Chipping Day Program

- Before Event: Gather and stack (see below) cut green and/or dead woody vegetation from your property. No new material will be accepted during the chipping process; be sure to collect all material to be chipped prior to the scheduled chipping day. Check the Endangered and Threatened Species List reference to ensure that no listed species are harmed during material collection.
- Chipping Location: Select a dry and level site within 5 feet of the road or driveway edge to stack material. Chipped material will be broadcast 10 to 40 feet within the same area of the stack on private property, not on road easement. A truck will be towing a brush chipper and is limited to paved, graveled or established hard surfaced roads with adequate area for turning around. No off-road service.
- Stacking:
 - Place vegetation parallel to the road or driveway entrance within 5 feet of the road edge. All vegetation is to face the same direction; cut ends together and small ends or tips together
 - Stack in rows no higher than 4 feet tall along the roadside away from hydrants, trees, structures, etc.
 - Keep rocks, dirt clods and mud away from the stack



- ✓ Stacks are parallel to road edge
- ✓ Vegetation faces same direction
- ✓ Stack in rows no greater than 4' tall x 6' width x 8' length

- **Day of Event:** The truck and brush chipper will arrive along the roadside of your property where your material is properly stacked on the designated Community Chipping Day. Service is limited to residents that have completed the sign-up information in advance of the Community Chipping Day. Only the material stacked accordingly will be processed. No new rows are permitted once the chipper is in operation. Material will be solely processed by trained conservation technicians, no landowner chipping assistance.

Questions? Contact the Tehama Conservation Fund Monday through Friday at (530) 727-1280 or email tcf@tehamacountyrcd.org. TCF is a 501c3 nonprofit organization of the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County. For more information about other no-cost Wildfire Readiness Programs, please visit www.tehama-conservation-fund.org

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