

Community Chipping Program- Curbside Chipping Participant Guidelines



COMMUNITY ENROLLMENT

In order to participate in a WRWC sponsored Community Chipping Program Event, you must **own a home AND live within a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) "Enrolled Community."** Enrolled communities are listed at www.COwildfire.org/chipping. As of April 1st, 2020 WRWC is not accepting new Community Enrollment applications for the remainder of the year.

INDIVIDUAL CURBSIDE CHIPPING OVERVIEW

Homeowner who live within an 'Enrolled Community' cut and stack their slash materials into individual piles along their driveway or road according to the following pile and material requirements. WRWC will hire a contractor and cover the cost of chipping between 5 to 8 piles, and each piles must be 5ft x 5ft x 7ft in dimensions. WRWC will bill (invoice) individual homeowners at a rate of \$30.00 per each additional pile in excess of 8 piles. All wood chips will be broadcast (spread out) and left on site.

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY CHIPPING PROGRAM

1. Visit our website COwildfire.org/chipping to make sure your home is within a WUI 'Enrolled Community'. **NOTE: "downtown" areas (such as the towns of Ridgway, Norwood, Ouray) are NOT within the boundaries of a WUI Enrolled Community.**
2. Information on the website will list the "Registration Deadline" of each scheduled Chipping Event - Mark your Calendar!
3. Start making your piles according to the requirements provided below. **NOTE: Due to the pinyon ips insect, WRWC is encouraging homeowners who have pinyon pine forests to wait until October 15th to start cutting, pruning and building their piles.**
4. Keep track of the time you spend making your piles. You will need to enter it when you Register your piles.
5. Register your piles (including any additional piles) at COwildfire.org/chipping on or before your community's "Registration Deadline." **NOTE: If you do not register by the "Registration Deadline", your piles will not be flagged or chipped.**
6. Prior to the actual pile chipping, WRWC will inspect each pile and determine if each pile meets the Pile and Material Requirements. If the piles are in accordance, the will be flagged to indicate to the hired contractor that they should be chipped. Please do not remove this flagging. **NOTE: Not all piles that are registered will be approved for chipping if they do not meet the Pile Requirements. If they do not meet the Pile Requirements, they will not be flagged for the contractor and WRWC is NOT responsible for paying or the chipping these piles.**
7. Registered Participants who piles are flagged will be notified, via email, with more details about the scheduled Chipping Event. We do not guarantee the exact date or time your piles will be chipped by the chipping contractor.

To better meet the needs of the WRWC Chipping Program, we have instituted some changes to Pile and Material requirements in 2020. Please read the information below carefully. If you not cannot meet the change for 2020, please do not register your piles in this Chipping Program.

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NOTE: IF YOUR PILES DO NOT FULLY MEET THE PILE & MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS BELOW THEY WILL NOT BE CHIPPED!

PILE REQUIREMENTS

- **NEW in 2020: There is now a minimum number of piles required to be registered in the WRWC Chipping Program.** Minimum number of piles per lot is 5; maximum number of piles is 8. **NOTE:** if you cannot meet the minimum number of piles, it is your responsibility to dispose of your slash material and this material will not be included in the Community Chipping Event. If you have more than 8 piles, you must indicate as such during the registration and you will be billed \$30 per each additional pile.
- **NEW in 2020: Each pile size must be no less than 5 feet high x 5 feet in length x 7 feet wide, or equivalent dimensions (see photo at right).**
- Piles must be stacked with all of the cut ends (butts) facing the road or driveway (see photo).
- Piles must be within 5 feet of roadway or driveway, but not touching the road, in drainage ditches or impeding any traffic.
- Piles stacked along the driveway must have adequate turnaround space for a full-sized truck with a trailer mounted chipper.
- Piles created using heavy machinery will not be chipped, since they are very difficult to pull apart chip.



MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

- **NEW in 2020: Length of individual pieces of material must be at least 2.5 feet long and no longer than 5 feet.** Please consider making your piece material as closet to 5 feet in length as possible.
- **NEW in 2020: There is no minimum diameter restriction, but material that is at least 1 inch or more in diameter is preferred. Individual pieces of material must be less than 8 inches in diameter.**
- **NEW in 2020: Only the following woody plant materials/species will be accepted in slash piles:** sage brush, evergreen trees (such as all pinyon, ponderosa and other pines, spruce, fir), juniper, gamble oak, cottonwood, aspen, serviceberry. **NO** fruit trees, berry bushes, or herbaceous/non-woody plant material such as grass and flower clippings will be accepted.
- No "old" pieces of slash and material that have been accumulating for years. Freshly cut or green material is best.
- No construction, building or other man-made materials
- No lumber, fence posts or signs
- No roots, rootwads, stumps or anything else that grows below the soil.
- No materials that contain dirt, sand, gravel or rocks.
- No materials that contain any metal (nails, screws, fencing), string or other man-made materials

NOTE: All wood chips produced from chipping your piles will be left on site and broadcast (spread out). Please **DO NOT** use these wood chips for garden bed material within 30 feet of your home, decks or other structures, as they will increase your risk from ground fires.