



Community Chipping Program



The Willow Creek Fire Safe Council (WCFSC) provides **free** chipping services for homeowners and residents of the Willow Creek area. Chipping the woody materials produced during tree pruning and fuel reduction activities around homes and along road frontage is an alternative to burning or hauling. The chips are left in a pile on-site, and provide a great source of mulch and ground cover to prevent erosion and improve soil moisture and health. Please follow these instructions to ensure a safe and effective chipper day.

What Can and Cannot be Chipped?

YES!

- Collect and pile woody material before scheduled chipping day
- Designate a place for chipped material within 5ft. of where chipper will be parked
- Stack material in rows no greater than 5' tall, 10' wide, and 20' long
- Limbs no greater than 6" in diameter and 3-10' long
- Neatly stacked piles with cut ends of branches facing toward the street, driveway, or turnout

NO

- Limbs over 6" in diameter and shorter than 3' or longer than 10' (it's a safety hazard!)
- Leaves or lawn clippings
- Roots, root wads, stumps, or soil
- Lumber, fence posts, gravel, nails, trash, pressure treated wood
- Plants such as poison oak or oleander (poisonous), blackberry brambles or roses (spiny), or scotch broom (invasive and spreads easily)
- Bay laurel, tan oak, or rhododendron infected (or suspected to be) with Sudden Oak Death (suddenoakdeath.com)
- Commercial timber slash, orchard prunings, or materials left by tree companies



GOOD STACKING



UNACCEPTABLE STACKING (MATERIAL WILL BE LEFT)



The Willow Creek Fire Safe Council's Chipping Program assists residents to reduce flammable vegetation near their homes at zero cost. Funding for our activities is through grants, fundraising events, membership dues, and donations.

How Does it Work?

- Contact the WCFSC at [\(530\)629-6008](tel:5306296008) or coordinator@wcfiresafe.org to get your address on our schedule (or submit this form online at www.wcfiresafe.org)
- Our volunteer crew will chip piles of cut vegetation at **no cost** to you!
- To maximize benefit to all community members, we cannot spend more than one hour per household.
- A truck towing a chipper is limited to paved, graveled, or established hard surfaced roadways with adequate area for turning around
- You do not need to be present at the time of chipping, however it is recommended.

Community Chipping Request Form

Name:_____ Telephone:_____

Address:_____

Nearest Cross Street:_____

Are you the property owner? Yes No Owner's Name:_____

Chipping: Number of piles_____ Size of piles_____

Type of material in piles?_____

Where is the material? Driveway Yard Other:_____

How many hours have you spent prepping the piles?_____

If you hired someone to do the work, how much did it cost?_____

By signing below, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

-I agree to allow the WCFSC chipping crew onto my property

-I agree to have the material chipped back onto my property

-I understand that the WCFSC determines whether a pile is suitable for chipping

-I understand that if the pile is not prepared to our specifications, it will not be chipped

-I understand the WCFSC makes final scheduling decisions, and may be subject to change

-I agree to comply with the WCFSC's decision where to place the chips

-I understand that the WCFSC is not obligated to perform this service, and is not liable for its failure to perform this service

Signature:_____ Date:_____

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