



Sandia Knolls



CHIPPER EVENT!!!

Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is coming:
March 25th through March 27th

Have your wood piles ready by March 25th, as they will only pass through your street once. Note: there may be delays due to weather.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Keep piles approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft. but can as many piles as needed.
- Stack piles at the end of your driveway, along the road, while keeping the road clear.
- Aim to keep ends of branches 8 in diameter or less.
- Chips will be broadcast back into the area from where the piles are stacked, unless a note is left asking for something different, i.e. left in one pile.
- DO NOT INCLUDE rocks, gravel, trash, other yard waste, lumber, electronics or building materials.
- Oct.-April best time to perform forest thinning since bark beetles are known to spread during warm and dry months.



THINNING GUIDELINES:

- For trees above 15 ft. tall, trim lower branches up to 6 - 8 ft.
- Remove most conifer saplings under larger trees, and dead and down branches.
- Cut stumps flat and low to the ground.
- Zone 2 - 5 - 30 ft. around home.
 - Create space between trees and shrubs, keep grass mowed.



A 'Chipping Event' presentation by the SWCD can be found at neighborhood website:
<https://sandiaknolls.com/fire-safety>.

Please reach out if you have any questions or need help preparing for this event to:
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