2019 Community Chipping Program

Quartz Creek Community

Pile Registration Deadline: August 18, 2019





The 2019 Community Chipping Program is intended to assist communities and homeowners reduce wildfire risk by providing a <u>free</u> curb-side chipping service within the West Region.

The 3 Basic Steps:

- 1. Read and understand the Materials and Piling Guidelines (see back side).
 - 2. Make your piles and track the time that was spent making the piles.

3. Before the deadline, Register your address and piles at: <u>www.COwildfire.org/chipping</u>

To enroll your community or ask questions, contact your Mitigation Specialist:

Montrose, Ouray & San Miguel Counties: Courtney Haynes (970) 615-7300 EXT. 304 Courtney.Haynes@COwildfire.org



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Community Chipping Program Pile & Material Guidelines



The 2019 Community Chipping Program assists communities and homeowners reduce wildfire risk by providing a curbside chipping service. This is a FREE service to participating communities and residents within the West Region.

INVOLVING YOUR COMMUNITY

Community enrollment for 2019 has closed but if you would like to have your community enrolled for 2020, check our Community Enrollment page, <u>www.COwildfire.org/enrollment/</u> in February 2020. To see if your community is already enrolled, visit <u>www.COwildfire.org/chipping</u> and view the posted map and corresponding list.

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

1. In order to participate in this program, you must live within a community that has been pre-registered with WRWC.

- 2. Participants must register their piles by visiting www.COwildfire.org/chipping
- 3. In order to participate in this program, individual homeowners must track the amount of time that they spend

PILE GUIDELINES

- Maximum number of piles is 5 per property, per year. (NOTE: Any participant that seeks to chip more than 5 piles will be billed at a rate of <u>\$30.00</u> per pile for any piles in excess of 5 piles that are chipped)
- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends 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.
- If piles are stacked along the driveway, the driveway must have adequate turnaround for a full sized truck with a trailer mounted chipper.
- Maximum pile size is 5 feet high x 5 feet deep x 7 feet long.
- Piles that are created using heavy machinery are very difficult to pull apart and chip and will thus be rejected.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, tree branches, small diameter logs and brush (cut away from root mass). The following restrictions apply:

- No logs or branches with a diameter greater than 6 inches
- 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 herbaceous / non-woody plant material
- No materials that contain any metal (nails, screws, fencing), string or other man-made materials

WOOD CHIPS

• All wood chips, resulting from the chipping of your pile(s) will be left on site and broadcast (spread out) using the chipper.

• While we understand wood chips make for good garden bed material, please do not put wood chips within 15 feet of your home, decks or other structures as they might contribute to wildfire hazards at that point.

SUMMARY

1. Check to see if your community is enrolled for 2019 at <u>www.COwildfire.org/chipping</u>

2. Start making your piles. Make sure all piles meet the guidelines stated above. Track the time you spend making your piles – you will report this in the registration form.

3. Once your piles are ready, register your piles by your community's pile registration deadline on our website: www.COwildfire.org/chipping

4. After the registration deadline, you will receive confirmation of the chipping date

