



Chipper Program Goals:

1. Provide the residents of Placer County with a low cost, “curb side” chipping service as an incentive to:
 - assist homeowners in their fire hazard reduction/defensible space efforts
 - encourage the reduction of large flammable burn piles to small biodegradable chip piles
2. Assist qualified Placer County senior, disabled and financially hard-shipped homeowners to access the curb side chipping service through cost waivers
3. Sustainably operate the Chipper Program through the use of grants and homeowner “cost-sharing”

Chipper Program Information to Support Homeowner Defensible Space (PRC 4291 Compliance)

- The Chipper Program is designed for residential use only. **NO BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL USE.** A Contractor List is available from the Placer County Resource Conservation District for homeowners needing to hire out brush clearing work.
- Chipping will occur alongside the road/driveway or other areas that allow the crew to work around the wood debris piles safely.
- All material to be chipped (no poison oak or blackberry shrubs) shall be placed along the edge of the road/driveway with the cut ends (stobs) pointing towards the road or area that is easily accessible by the Chipper vehicles. Stem diameters less than 12 inches. **No dozer or tractor piles.**
- All chipped material will be blown back on the property. Chips will not be trucked off-site.
- Chipping is completed on a rotational basis throughout the county. **No appointments are made.**
- To arrange for chipping service, homeowners should call the Chipper Program message center. Homeowners will be invoiced following the service. Invoices will be calculated based on the full hourly rate less the current program cost-share rate. **Please note the minimum invoice will be for one-half hour of service (cost-share rate not applicable).**
- **Invoicing will be waived for eligible senior, disabled and/or financially qualified homeowners.** General qualifications include: 1) Physically disabled as defined by possession of a disabled/handicapped vehicle placard; or 2) Social security or other fixed household income not exceeding the **Very Low Limit** as defined by Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Contact the Chipper Program at the Placer County RCD for questions on cost waiver eligibility at 530.885.3046 or visit www.placercountyrcd.org for more information.

The Chipper Program is a “curb-side” chipping service supported in part by federal/state grants secured through a partnership of Placer County Resource Conservation District, Placer County, Placer County Sheriff’s Dept., Placer County Air Pollution Control District and CALFIRE. These grants are used to help offset and/or reduce the homeowner’s full cost of utilizing the chipper service. Cost-share rates are subject to change based on the availability of grant funding and will be set annually.

To schedule service or request information:

Call the Chipper Program Message Center at 530.889.0111, **select Option 3,** leave name, site address, mailing address (if different), phone number, and the location of the chip pile

OR


Fill out your information below and mail to: Placer County Chipper Program, c/o CALFIRE, 13760 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603

Name: _____

Site address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____



Chipper Program Info:
Placer County RCD
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Chipper Program Partners:

