

Firewise Communities

Chipping Event

ALLOWED

trees & limbs up to 8" diameter
trimmings & brush

NOT ALLOWED

noxious weeds*, sod, animal waste,
garbage, or plastic bags, please

*As defined by the Chelan County Noxious Weed
Control Board at (509)667-6576 or www.co.chelan.wa.us



This service is FREE for residents of Chelan County

Maximum amount of debris per property is 10 cubic yards. Piles need to be sorted and stacked correctly...

Stacking Piles for Chipping

- Debris should not be blocking any traffic.
- Cutting and stacking of debris should be done prior to the chipper's arrival. The crew will not wait while you cut.
- When stacking the debris, please place all the stems of trees and brush pointing in the same direction with the cut ends toward the road. This makes the pile easier to pull apart to feed the chipper. Maximum pile height is 5 feet.
- Individual cut pieces must not be longer than 8 feet in length and/or thicker than 8" in diameter
- Stack similar sized items together in piles. Please hand-pile items.

To sign up visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGR5MLT>
Registration ends September 16 - All forms are due by Oct 3
***Chipping will begin October 17**

For questions or additional information contact Amanda Levesque Newell with
Cascadia Conservation District at amandal@cascadiacd.org or (509) 436-1601

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Thank you for participating in the 2016 Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program!

About the Program

The Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program is a cost-share program sponsored by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and administered by the Cascadia Conservation District (CCD). The purpose of this project is multifold – community wildfire protection, forest health restoration, and watershed improvement.

Cost Sharing

The Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program is a cost-share program. Cost-sharing or "matching" means that a portion of program costs must be provided by you, the landowner. However, that doesn't mean you have to match the program costs with cash! Your match includes your in-kind labor (e.g., time spent on an activity).

CCD has obtained 50% of the funds from the WDNR to pay for the chipper and landowners will be required to contribute the equivalent amount (50%) of in-kind match (e.g., "do-it-yourself" or contracted labor) for fuel reduction activities (removing brush, thinning, limbing, etc.). "Do-it-yourself" time is valued at \$23.07/hour.

Prep for Chipping - Your Chipping Ticket!

The submittal of the Landowner Release and Time, Activity, and Equipment Reporting Form, including receipts, will serve as your Chipping Ticket!

- **The attached Release and Reporting Form must be completed and submitted to CCD prior to Oct 3, 2016.** If we do not receive the Release and Reporting Form, the chipper will not be scheduled to chip at your home.
- CCD may perform a cursory assessment following the Oct 3 form submittal deadline to ensure that piles meet the Guidelines specified below prior to Chipping Day.
- Please continue to track your "do it yourself" time until Oct 3—these hours can be used as "match" credits.
- **Chipping will begin October 17** and continue for approximately two weeks.

Chipping Program Guidelines

Modifying fuels near a home is important to reduce fire behavior in the event of a wildfire. We encourage landowners to:

- (1) reduce fuels within 200 feet of their home,
- (2) create safe evacuation routes for emergency vehicles, and
- (3) remove understory vegetation to improve forest health.

Landowner created safe evacuation route and clear path for emergency vehicles.



Defensible space is created by modifying vegetation around structures out to a minimum of 30 feet.

Landowner removed small trees and brush to reduce fire risk and improve forest health. Excess material was chipped and scattered on site to return vital nutrients to the soil.



The Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program is designed to reduce fuels within 200 feet of homes, outbuildings, or on approximately 2.5 acres or less of land. Given the number of participants and the amount of funding available, we do not have the capacity to chip extremely large amounts per landowner. The maximum amount of debris per property is 10 cubic yards. **If you plan on performing fuel reduction on more than 2.5 acres please contact CCD prior to beginning work to discuss other resources and programs available to you.**

Pile Specifications:

Acceptable Piles and Access



- Woody limbs and branches only, up to 8" in diameter and 8 feet in length
- Piles only – hand piled
- Piles must be within 5' of the roadway or driveway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches
- Limit pile size to 5' high
- No limit as to the number of or length of piles.
- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with **cut ends facing the road**
- **Chipping services will be provided so long as access for the chipping equipment is safe and adequate for turning around.**

Unacceptable Piles



- Construction or building materials
- Bags
- Trash, weeds, vines, flower stems, and other trimmings such as sticks and twigs
- Root wads, stumps, dirt, or rocks
- Grass clippings or leaves
- Woody material with nails or wire

Debris or landscaping described as unacceptable or piles mixed with unacceptable materials will not be removed.

Chips

Chips will be either piled or blown back onto your property. See examples for each below and indicate your preference on your timesheet.

Piled



Blown



2016 Fuels Reduction & Chipping Program Landowner Release

_____ LANDOWNER Name
_____ Property Address

Please return this form prior to October 3, 2016.

The 2016 Fuel Reduction and Chipping Program is a program administered by the Cascadia Conservation District (CCD). The Program is funded by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and subject to the funding thereof. The work will be completed at a 50/50 cost-share to the landowner specific to 2016 Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program.

Work Must Be Completed to Specifications All work must be completed according to written specifications provided. The LANDOWNER is responsible for ensuring completion of the work, whether by contracting independently or performing "do-it-yourself" labor.

Eligible Cost Share Contributions In-kind contributions such as "do-it-yourself" labor or contracted work are considered eligible cost share contributions. The LANDOWNER must furnish all necessary equipment for "do-it-yourself" labor. If you have any questions, please contact the CCD BEFORE beginning any work.

The LANDOWNER is able to contract independently, separate from this agreement, to accomplish work. If the LANDOWNER utilizes a contractor, the LANDOWNER is responsible for selecting, entering into a contractual agreement with, and compensating, the contractor. No payment from the WDNR or CCD will be made directly to contractors or to landowners.

Equipment purchases and/or general landscaping practices are not considered eligible contributions. Work not related to the Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program remains ineligible for cost-sharing and is not reimbursable.

Reporting & Eligibility Cost-shared practices must be completed, and the Landowner Release and Time, Activity, and Equipment Reporting Forms, and proof of payment for contracted work must be reported to CCD by the LANDOWNER **Oct 3, 2016** to be eligible for this program. *Please note: these DNR funds are only to treat new acreage and cannot be used for maintenance of treatments funded by DNR in the last 10 years. If you have questions about whether your property qualifies please contact Chuck Wytko with DNR at CHARLES.WYTKO@dnr.wa.gov.*

Landowner is Responsible for Property Boundaries LANDOWNER is responsible for ensuring that piles and chips are on LANDOWNER'S legal property. The WDNR, CCD or any sub-division, agent, contractor or staff thereof are not responsible for any damages sustained as a result of inaccurately marked property boundaries or to LANDOWNER'S property.

Property Access LANDOWNER(S) agree to allow CCD and WDNR staff, or persons authorized by CCD and WDNR, access to the property to determine cost-share needs, feasibility, and specifications; to enter the property to complete chipping operations; and to certify practice completion. If LANDOWNER(S) cannot be present on during site assessments or the day of chipping operations, LANDOWNER(S) hereby grant permission to CCD and WDNR, and persons authorized by CCD and WDNR, to complete the work described above.

Limitation on Liability The LANDOWNER(S) agree to hold harmless the WDNR, CCD or any sub-division, agent, contractor or staff thereof, for damages sustained to persons or property as a result of this agreement. The WDNR or CCD do not make any express or implied warranties. In no event will the WDNR, CCD and/or their agents be liable to you or any other person or entity for any damages whatsoever, including, without limitation, direct, incidental, or indirect damages, special or consequential damages arising out of the services provided hereunder, even if they are foreseeable or you have been advised of the possibility of such damages.

The LANDOWNER(S) consent that the CCD may utilize photographs of the property for the purposes of reporting, verification, illustration, broadcast, or distribution in any manner. Consent is given without further consideration or compensation.

Cancellation If at any time you decide to cancel your application for chipping, you must advise the CCD. In case of cancellation, you, the LANDOWNER, are still responsible for compensating any hired contractors for services performed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your participation in the Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program!

I hereby authorize the above work and necessary assessments to be accomplished on my property and allow the WDNR and CCD authorized representatives and contractors to enter onto my property for purpose of conducting said work. I have reviewed the boundaries of the work and certify that I am the owner of the property on which the work is to be performed.

Please sign and send to address below

Landowner Signature

Phone

Date

Please mail to: Cascadia Conservation District, 14 N Mission St, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Contact Person: Amanda Levesque Newell

Phone/Email: 509-436-1601 or Amandal@cascadiacd.org

