



2024 Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program

Thank you for your interest in the 2024 Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program!

About the Program

The Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program is offered by the Cascadia Conservation District (CCD) to all residents, with the purpose being multifold – community wildfire protection, forest health restoration, and watershed improvement.

Time Reporting

Please track your time and/or contractor costs so we can use it for reporting and funding applications. Please report your "do-it-yourself time" (Valued as \$30/hour), or contractor fees, for fuel reduction activities like removing brush, thinning, limbing, etc.

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 JoeH@CascadiaCD.org prior to May 6th, 2024.** 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 **May 6th** 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 **May 6th** —these hours can help us with future grants and funding applications.
- Chipping will begin **May 13th** and go for approximately 2 weeks.
- Due to the number of requests, varying amount of material, and range of sites around the county, we do not schedule when we will be on site. Please accept that we will chip within the two week window.

Chipper Program Guidelines

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

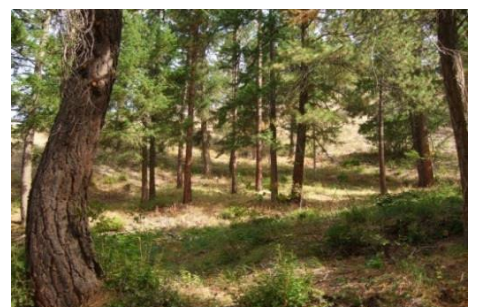
- reduce fuels within 200 feet of their home,
- create safe evacuation routes for emergency vehicles, and
- remove understory vegetation to improve forest health.

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 1 acre 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 1 acre, 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
- 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



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Please return this form prior to October 2nd, 2023

LANDOWNER Name

Property Address

The 2023 Fuel Reduction and Chipping Program is a program administered by the Cascadia Conservation District (CCD). The work will be completed to the landowner specific to 2024 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 Reporting In-kind contributions such as "do-it-yourself" labor or contracted work are considered eligible for reporting. 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 can 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 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 Fuels Reduction 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 **May 6th 2024** to be eligible for this program.

Landowner is Responsible for Property Boundaries LANDOWNER is responsible for ensuring that piles and chips are on LANDOWNER's legal property. The 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, or persons authorized by CCD, 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 persons authorized by CCD, to complete the work described above.

Limitation on Liability The LANDOWNER(S) agree to hold harmless the CCD or any sub-division, agent, contractor, or staff thereof, for damages sustained to persons or property as a result of this agreement. The CCD does not make any express or implied warranties. In no event will the 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.

Landowner Signature

Phone

Date

Please e-sign or mail to: Cascadia Conservation District, 1350 McKittrick St., Wenatchee, WA 98801

Contact Person: Joe Hill

Phone/Email: 509-306-8189 or joe@casadiacd.org

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Incidental Expense Record (In Kind Cash Contributions)

Please record the date and a detailed description of the expense and the total amount. **Submit all receipts with this record.**

Eligible expenses:

- Labor is valued at \$30 per person per hour (planning, thinning, pruning, brush removal, piling, project related travel time, etc.)
- Chainsaw use: \$10/hr
- Small Equipment use (brush mower, ATV, small chipper) \$25/hr
- Large Equipment use (tractors, dozers/excavators, large chipper) \$70/hr
- Mileage: \$0.655/mile
- Equipment and chainsaw rates include fuel and supplies needed for operation. Please summarize all hours for each person and equipment type in one line for clarity regardless of what activity was performed. If equipment is rented, you may use actual rental costs in the equipment section and provide a copy of receipts.

Ineligible expenses:

- Tool/equipment purchase

Ineligible expenses that can be counted towards Firewise match (for those applicable):

- Removing debris from roofs and gutters
- Removing flammable material such as lumber or pine needles from under decks and porches.

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Resident Name:		Acres:	
Date	Description of Expense * Attach Receipts	Total Hours or Miles	Amount
Example: 04-10-2022	Brushing and piling (2 people for 3 hours)	6	\$180
Example: 04-15-2022	Chainsaw usage	1	\$10
Example: 04-15-2022	Green Forest Inc. Pruning & Thinning Contract	---	\$256.00
TOTAL:			


I, _____ hereby certify that the above listed cost data is a true and correct listing of the costs that I incurred in the performance of this practice, for those items for which I do not have a receipt.

Signature of Landowner

Date _____

How do you want your chips?

 Please pile the chips.

 Please blow the chips onto my property.

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CCD Fuels Reduction & Chipping Program Estimate of Pile Size Form – PAGE 4 of 4

This estimation helps our chipping crews plan for the time they need to budget for your property.

Please indicate your approximate pile size based on the size comparison examples below. You can circle your pile size equivalent, select the Check Box or otherwise indicate to us how much material to expect on your property.

My pile is approximately the size of:

1 Washing Machine = 1-cubic yard



5 Washing Machines = 5-cubic yards



10 Washing Machines = 10-cubic yards



If you think you will have more than 10 cubic yards please contact us to make special arrangements and we will do our best to accommodate you - funding and time dependent. Contact us at 509-306-8189 or joeh@cascadiacd.org.

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