



2023 Fuels Reduction and Chipping Program

Thank you for your interest in the 2023 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

We have secured funding for this spring that does not require a "match" from chipping participants. However, we do ask that you track your time and/or contractor costs so we can use it for future 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 April 23, 2023.** 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 **April 23rd** 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 **April 23rd** —these hours can help us with future grants and funding applications.
- **Chipping will begin May 1st** and go for approximately 2 weeks.

Chipper 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
- 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

