

CHIPPER DAYS BRUSH PILE GUIDELINES

Guidelines

Piles not meeting the guidelines or containing material not approved will be denied service unless the applicant corrects the noted issues. Once an application is received it will be inspected for compliance. If the piles are not ready by the time of the inspection the application will be denied or postponed.

Things that can go in your piles:

- The chipper can handle material UP TO 4 inches in diameter and UP TO 10 feet long.
- We should be able to chip a pile about 50 feet long x 4 feet tall x 10 feet wide within a 3 hour period.
- Freshly cut and stacked materials chip much better than old dry wood. If your piles have been in place for a long time and/or contain a lot of old dry material, our crews may not be able to chip them.

Things that cannot go in your piles:

- **No nails, wires, or any metal pieces!!!**
- No roots or stumps
- No Poison Oak
- No Oleander
- \No poisonous species or other vines
- No spiny plants, roses or blackberries
- No Scotch/French broom or gorse
- No construction-type wood such as fence posts or 2x4s.
- No rocks, dirt and mud
- No rakings or piles of needles, leaves or grass
- **You will be responsible for disposing of any unchipped materials.**

Stacking Your Piles

- Do not make piles more than 4'-0" (four feet) tall, 8'-0" deep, and with row no longer than 50 feet.
- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the same direction, pointing towards access route, preferably on the uphill side.
- Cut material can be between 4'-0" (four feet) wide and 10'-0" (ten feet) wide.
- Within 5 feet of chipper access

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Placement of Piles

Piles must be placed along road or driveway frontages so that crews can work SAFELY without need for additional personnel, signage or road closure permits. **The chipper cannot go up very steep slopes.**

We cannot access piles that are not adjacent to an accessible road or driveway.

- Do not place piles where they might block roadways or access!
- Do not put piles within 10 feet of power poles.
- **The chipper and truck must be able to get to a place they can turn around**
- Place piles within 5 feet of chipper access, preferably on the uphill side of road or driveway
- **If our chipper cannot access your piles, you will be responsible for disposing of your piles.**
- Materials chipped will be removed by the contractor or blown back onto the property in a place the property owner and contractor deems practical and safe. Property owners are responsible for spreading out any piles of chips.
- Unchipped material will be the responsibility of the property owner for disposal.
- You do not have to be home when the chipper comes but a MCFSC / SFC project supervisor will be on-site during all activities.
- The program is intended to address **access routes** and **defensible space**.
- The program is intended for Brooktrails properties including vacant lots.
- The crew has the right to deny chipper service when the application or service area is outside the scope of the program or does not meet the guidelines of the **Free Service Program**.
- Please contact us if you have any questions.

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