CHIPPER DAY BRUSH PILE GUIDELINES

Please note: Piles not meeting guidelines or containing material not approved will be denied service and the resident will be responsible for disposal.

Material in excess of 6” in diameter or 10’ in length cannot be chipped. Piles with unpermitted items or in excess of maximum pile size of 10’ deep by 5’ tall and 5’ wide may not be picked up - you are responsible for disposal of excess materials. Please do not bag or tie up your vegetation. Piles should be stacked with the cut ends facing the same way pointing to the access route.

Your pile must be within 5’ of a place where the chipper can access the pile. The pile must be in a location that our crew deems safe for accessing with a large truck and towed trailer and where they will be able to safely turn around. Piles should not block roadways or access and should not be within 10’ of power poles. Piles must be in locations where the crew can work safely without the need for road closure.

Freshly cut and stacked material chip much better than old dry material. If your piles have been in place for a long time and/or contain a lot of old dry material our crew may not be able to chip them.

Whenever possible, chipped material will be blown back on the property in a place that the crew deems is practical and safe or, if directions have been provided by the landowner, left in a pile. Landowners will be responsible for spreading out any pile of chips.

Things that CANNOT go in your pile:

- Non wood/brush items. Metal items of any kind are particularly dangerous for the crew and machinery!!
- Roots and stumps
- Poison oak or other poisonous plants
- Oleander, spiny plants such as roses or blackberry or other vines
- Rocks, dirt or mud
- Rakings or piles of needles, leaves or grass
- Invasive species such as broom and gorse can only be chipped when arrangements have been made in advance to have the chipped material hauled to a green waste disposal facility.

You do not need to be home when the chipper comes. The free community chipping program is intended to help residents maintain defensible space around structures and along access routes. It is inappropriate to use the program for other clearing work.