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Alpine Fire Safe Council

WHO: **SPONSORED BY ALPINE FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (AFSC) & EASTERN ALPINE FIRE & RESCUI**
WHAT: **CURB SIDE CHIPPING PROGRAM FOR Summer 2015**
WHERE: **ALPINE COUNTY FOR RESIDENTS/HOMEOWNERS**
WHEN: **JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH OCTOBER 17 (ON THURSDAYS ONLY)**
HOW: **PAID FOR WITH CALIFORNIA PROP 40 FUELS MANAGEMENT GRANT FUNDING & Title III Grant Funding**

ACCEPTED MATERIALS AND PRACTICES FOR CHIPPING:

- Chipping piles **must** be at the curb side of your property for removal. This means adjacent to your driveway so the chipping crew has immediate access from the street. Chipping vehicle must be able to turn in your street to access.
- **AMOUNT OF MATERIALS**: Chipping material **recommended minimum** is two cubic yards (6'x 6' x 6'— approx).
- **TYPE OF MATERIALS:** Vegetation to include tree parts, limbs, trunks, sage, Manzanita, brush, shrubs, etc. measuring **less than 6"** in diameter. Please attempt to stack cut ends of limbs and branches so that the cut end is facing the street where the chipper will be parked.
- **CHIPPED MATERIALS** will be left in a pile for homeowner's discretionary use. All of the above practices and criteria are to utilize the Title III & Prop 40 Grant Money efficiently.

UNACCEPTED MATERIALS FOR CHIPPING:

- **TYPE OF MATERIALS:** Willow branches or similar species because they clog the chipper. Decayed or branches greater than 6" in diameter, stumps, root balls, pine needles, pine cones, or leaves. Non-vegetation items including plastics, concrete materials, rocks, dirt, wires, lumber.

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CURB SIDE CHIPPING PROGRAM:

After placing your Accepted Materials Pile(s) at your curb side:

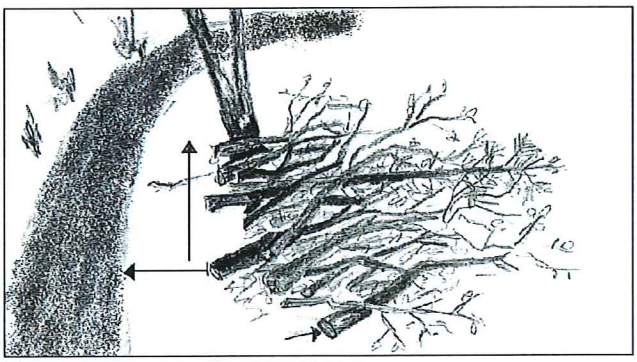
- **Please call 530-577-CHIP (2447) to request chipping. This number is a MESSAGE LINE ONLY**; you cannot talk to anyone at this number.
  Please leave a clear, concise message to include: Your name, physical address, and phone number.
  *****Please state that this is an ALPINE COUNTY request and Woodfords or Markleeville area.**

AFSC and Eastern Alpine Fire and Rescue are trying to utilize grant money efficiently. Therefore, the Chipping Crew will be scheduled to work in concentrated areas on Thursdays. Although you will not receive a confirmation of a specific date, your chipping will be completed.

Thank you for complying with the Alpine County Defensible Space Ordinance by clearing downed vegetation fuels from your property AND utilizing the 2013 Chipping Program. This reduces the chance of a devastating fire in Alpine County.

For Questions concerning this Program please call (530) 694-1879 **Please see reverse side for method to prepare your Chipping Materials for the Chipping Crew**

Thank you for helping to make our community fire safe.



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Lake Valley Fire Protection District

Residential Slash Disposal Guidelines

Create defensible space by clearing flammable vegetation according to the Living with Fire Guidelines for Homeowners. Publications are available at Lake Valley Fire Protection District Station No. 7 located at 2211 Keetak St. in Meyers. The information is also available on the web at www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe

Two Methods for Slash Disposal

1. **South Tahoe Refuse Recycle/Green Waste Curbside Program;** Please refer to the back of this handout

2. **Lake Valley Fire Chipping Program;** Please note changes to this year's program

- Due to funding restrictions we will no longer be chipping slash piles less than two cubic yards (6'x6'x6' or a washer and dryer side by side). **This size or a smaller amount of slash can be bundled, tied with twine and picked up curbside by So. Tahoe Refuse Co.**
- Place slash and brush piles adjacent to a driveway or street so the chipper and crew can readily have access.
- Please place piles in an area where equipment can be easily turned around (see photo and diagram below).
- **Decayed, dried out branches and shrubs should be disposed of through the South Tahoe Refuse Program**.
- It is easier and more efficient to chip the piles if they are stacked wider and more spread out rather than taller.
- Place the cut ends facing out toward the driveway or road where the chipper will be parked (see photo and diagram below).
- The chipper can handle material up to **6 inches in diameter** (no root balls). The equipment does not chip small branches that require raking. The chipper cannot chip piles of pine needles, pine cones, or leaves. **This material should be disposed of through the South Tahoe Refuse Program**
- Piles must be free of trash including rocks, dirt, wires, and lumber.
- After placing your pile, please call **(530) 577 CHIP (2447)** to put your name on the list.
- All chips will be left in a pile.

Free chipping is provided by the Lake Valley Fire Protection District to both the City of South Lake Tahoe and Lake Valley Fire residents. Funding is provided by the United States Forest Service.

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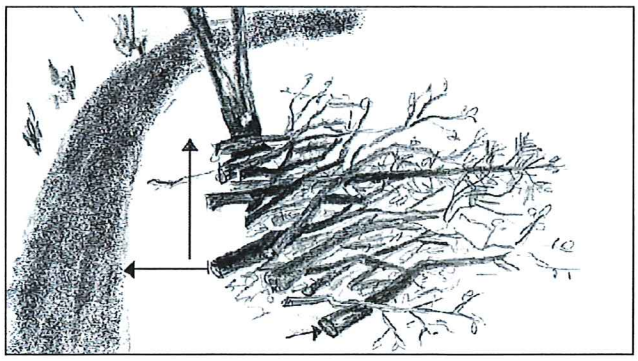

South Tahoe Refuse Co.

Recycle Green Waste Guidelines

South Tahoe Refuse is implementing a curbside yard waste recycling program for California residential customers where all your bags of pine needles and other yard waste will be transferred each week to the new Resource Recovery Facility on Eloise Ave.
All material will be recycled into mulch and compost for local erosion, re-vegetation and composting programs.

Recycle Green Waste Guidelines

- Residential customers should place bags of yard waste at curbside on your regular collection day.
- Pine needles must be bagged or in clearly identified trash cans and should weigh not more than 40 lbs.
- Slash, brush and trimmed tree branches must be bundled and tied with twine, string or other natural rope (no nylon, please) into 3 foot lengths. Bundles must weigh less than 40 lbs.
- Small slash, bark and chips less than 2-3" in diameter must be bagged or in clearly identified trash cans and weigh less than 40 lbs.
- All yard waste materials must be clean of all trash, including rocks, dirt, wires and plastic.
- All material must be adjacent to your trash on regularly scheduled collection day.
- South Tahoe Refuse will collect your recyclable materials each week (with a maximum of 2 yards per week), sort and process them.

This recycling program significantly increases the beneficial use of our homeowner's efforts towards creating Defensible Space by making use of our own natural and native materials.

Reducing flammable vegetation around our homes will also reduce the threat of wildfire in our neighborhoods.