



PRESCOTT FIRE DEPARTMENT

1700 Iron Springs Road
Prescott, AZ 86305

CRITERIA FOR CHIPPER SERVICE

Defensible space is the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and to provide an opportunity for firefighters to effectively defend the house.

The ever present danger of fire in the Southwest is always a concern. People realize the importance of providing defensible space for the protection of their property. Prescott Fire Department has trained personnel to assist the homeowner with brush disposal, once the homeowner has provided defensible space. If the homeowner isn't sure if defensible space has been created they can contact the Prescott Fire Department for an assessment of the work completed.

The following is a list of DO's and DON'T's in preparation for the Prescott Fire Department Chipping Service.

- DO call Prescott Fire Department Fuels Reduction Crew to be placed on the chipping list, if you require a call back please leave your name, number and address. If no callback is requested the crew will place you on their work schedule, If scheduling is out longer than two weeks you will receive callback noting the time frame and other options. (928) 777-1733 , (928) 777-1713
- DO lay brush along streets for easy access, if this is not possible please leave a detail message of the location of the brush.
- DO have cut ends of brush or trees facing the street
- DO make longer piles, instead of higher piles. (3-4' high max)
- DO maintain a safe distance from the chipper, while it is in operation for your safety at least 50'
- DON'T use twine, string, wire, flagging or anything else to tie bundles of brush together.
- DON'T request chipping of brush that has been lying around for years (this damages the chipper blades and is much more dangerous for the fuels crew to handle)
- DON'T place the following in piles pine needles, leaf litter, rocks, root balls, cactus, trash or any other debris other than natural materials; the brush will not be chipped.
- DON'T place materials in bags, the bags cannot be put in the chipper.
- DON'T place brush in garbage cans, trailers or any other container; brush will not be chipped.

For questions or concerns please feel free to call or email the following Community Risk Reduction members

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Thank you for your support in making the Prescott Basin a safer place to live.