



## Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Residential Chipping Program

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Please review the following Residential Chipping Program information.

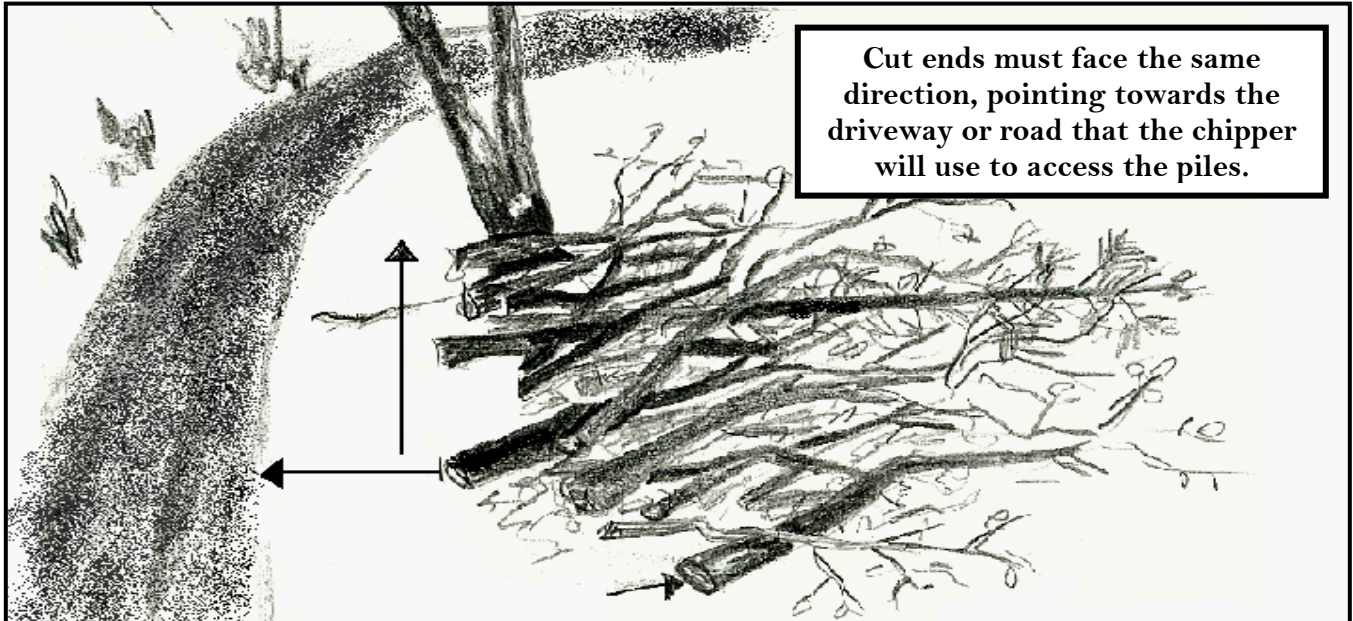
- Create defensible space by clearing flammable vegetation a minimum of 100' from structures. Please refer to the Living With Fire - Lake Tahoe Basin guidelines, available at any TDFD Fire Station. The information is also available for viewing and downloading at [www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe](http://www.livingwithfire.info/tahoe).  
**Chipping services will only be provided to participants with a residence on the property.**
- Place brush piles so the chipping machine and crew can readily have access. The piles need to be adjacent to a driveway or street. Preferably pile brush on the uphill side. Also, when placing the brush piles, place it in an area that will be out of your way and in a location that there is access for the equipment to turn around. Refer to the picture above for an example of the equipment.
- Recently removed vegetation will chip better than dead, decayed, or dried out branches and shrubs.
- It is easier and more efficient to chip the piles if they are wider and spread out rather than taller. All the cut ends need to be facing the same direction. The cut ends should be directed out toward the driveway or road where the chipping machine will be parked. Please follow the diagram on the following page for additional instruction on preparing your piles.
- The chipper can handle material up to 6 inches in diameter (no root balls). The equipment does not chip individual branches that are small rakings or old, decayed wood.
- Keep all piles free of rocks, dirt, wire, lumber, and spiny plants. The chipper can not chip piles of pine needles, pine cones, or leaves.
- TDFPD requires the Request for Chipping Form be completed before chipping is done on your property. You may submit the form online at [www.ZephyrFireSafe.org](http://www.ZephyrFireSafe.org) or pick up a form at the Round Hill Fire Station at 193 Elks Point Rd. Currently, it can take up to 2 weeks from the time we receive the form to the date you are assigned for chipping. TDFPD does not operate equipment on RED FLAG warning/watch days as determined by the National Weather Service.
- Disposal of the chips are the property owner's responsibility, please indicate your preference on the chipping request form. Please note that woodchips is not to be used within 5' of a home or deck, and it should not be used in a widespread manner within 30' of your home.
- See diagram on back for pile construction requirements



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*Please Note: Your pile(s) must look like the illustration above or it will not be chipped*

Once you have reviewed the Residential Chipping Program information, complete the Request for Chipping Form online at [www.zephyrfiresafe.org](http://www.zephyrfiresafe.org) or return to:

**Deliver to:**

Tahoe Douglas Fire District  
Fire Station No. 3  
193 Elks Point Rd.  
Round Hill, NV

**Mail to:**

Tahoe Douglas FPD  
Chipping Program  
P.O. Box 919  
Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

**E-mail to: [woodchip@taoefire.com](mailto:woodchip@taoefire.com)**

Once your form has been received you will be scheduled for chipping. All efforts will be made to complete chipping within two weeks of receiving your Request Form, however, no guarantees can be made. We are unable to schedule individual appointments or provide advanced notice. Large piles may be chipped over several visits. Please call (775) 588-3591 ext. 227 or e-mail [woodchip@taoefire.com](mailto:woodchip@taoefire.com) if you have questions.