

## 2020 Plumas County Community Chipping Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address *where piles will be located*:  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the property owner?      Yes      No

Where is the material located in relation to the house or road?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Piles must be established along roadways or driveways with adequate turnaround area for a pick-up towing a chipper and at a safe distance from passing traffic. Properties with extremely steep or narrow driveways may not be eligible.*

Choose one:              Pile chips              Broadcast chips

The following questions allow us to report the program's accomplishments to our funder:

How many hours did it take to prepare the piles? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you hire someone to cut and stack materials for you?              Yes      No

If so, how much did it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do with this material if this chipping program were not available?

Burn it

Take to transfer station

# of miles: \_\_\_\_\_

Leave it on the property

Rent a chipper

Please read the information on the back of this application before signing.

By signing below, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I agree to admit the PC FSC chipping contractor onto my property.
2. I understand that the PC FSC and their contractors have the final authority in determining if piles are suitable for chipping and that **if a pile is not prepared to the specifications on the back of this form, it may not be chipped.**
3. I understand that the PC FSC makes final scheduling decisions.
4. I agree to comply with the contractor's decision of where to place chips that are to be piled or broadcast on site (usually proximal to where the piles are constructed).
5. I understand that the PC FSC is not obligated to perform this service and the PC FSC is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for negligent performance of this service.
6. I will not hold the PC FSC liable for damages that may occur from pile chipping.
7. I understand that the PC FSC will not chip material in excess of 16 linear feet.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form can be submitted via email to: [gary@plumascorporation.org](mailto:gary@plumascorporation.org) or by mail to: PCFSC, PO Box 1225, Quincy, CA 95971

Contact Gary Parque at the Plumas County Fire Safe Council 530-283-0829 with questions.

[plumasfiresafe.org](http://plumasfiresafe.org)

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Program funding has been made available from a CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention grant. While funding is limited, we will attempt to accommodate treatment on as many parcels as possible.

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The Plumas County Fire Safe Council provides no-cost chipping for up to 16 linear feet of material that is no more than 4 feet in depth. It is necessary that individual pieces be no shorter than 3 feet in length and it is preferable that they are no longer than 12 feet.



## To ensure that your piles are chipped:

- Build neat piles with all cut ends facing toward the street
- Build piles in areas that can be easily accessed with a truck
- Locate piles on level ground, or on the uphill side of the road, outside of drainages
- Make sure that your piles contain **no** rocks, metal, mud, poison oak, scotch broom, vines, blackberries, or building materials
- Include only materials that are **longer than 3 feet in length**
- “Loose” piles are preferable to tightly packed material. However, please make consolidated piles.
- Be respectful of the contractors’ time

## Our program is **NOT** able to chip:

- Roots or decaying wood
- Pine cones, pine needles, leaves, or yard clippings
- Piles that are over 4 feet high or built over standing vegetation
- Large diameter materials that will not fit through the chipper opening – please cut material that cannot be easily compacted so that it is no wider than 12”
- Short pieces that will endanger the chipper operators
- Piles constructed with mechanical assistance (i.e. with a tractor)

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The Community Chipping Program operates strictly during the weeks scheduled for each community. A schedule is available on the website: [plumasfiresafe.org](http://plumasfiresafe.org). Each parcel owner can participate, free of charge, on a first come first served basis. Preparing your piles well in advance of the chipping date is recommended. **Don’t stack piles within your defensible space.** If the chipping service is delayed you don’t want dry material next to your home during fire season.

## The Plumas County Fire Safe Council provides chipping services:

as an alternative to pile burning - benefiting air quality and reducing risk of escapes

as an alternative to dumping - reducing costs and hauling for residents and keeping green waste out of landfills

as an alternative to no action - incentivizing the creation and maintenance of defensible space

**If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support an annual Chipping Program please contact the Plumas County Fire Safe Council at 530-283-0829.**