

NEVADA CITY RESIDENTIAL CHIPPING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Piles must be prepared per these guidelines or they may not be chipped.

- The Program is designed for residential use only. No business or commercial use.
- The Program is available to City of Nevada City residents ONLY.
- Chipping will occur alongside the road/driveway or other areas that allow the crew to work around the wood debris piles safely.
- All material to be chipped shall be placed along the edge of the road/driveway with the cut ends pointing towards the road.
- Material must be less than 10 inches in diameter.
- No one piece of material may weigh more than 50 pounds.
- No dozer or tractor piles.
- Do not place piles where they might block roadways or access.
- Don't put piles within 10 feet of power poles.
- The chipper and truck must be able to get to a place they can turn around.
- Place piles within 5-6 feet of chipper access, preferably on the uphill side of road.
- Do not make piles more than 4 feet tall.

Things that CANNOT go in your Piles:

- No root balls or stumps.
- No rocks, dirt and mud.
- No POISON OAK and other vines.
- No spiny plants, roses or blackberries.
- No nails, wires or any metal pieces.
- No construction materials or dimensional lumber.
- No rakings or piles of needles, leaves or grass.

Things you should know:

- All material chipped will be blown back onto the property in a place the crew deems practical and safe. You are responsible for spreading out the piles of chips.
- You will be responsible for disposing of any unchipped materials.
- You do not have to be home when the chipper comes.
- You are responsible for following environmental regulations concerning vegetation removal.
- Chipping scotch broom and other invasive weeds can spread their seeds and is not recommended.
- The program is intended to address access routes and defensible space. There may be limits on the hours the chipper may spend at any one property. Please be as accurate as possible with the information you provide on your application.