



Bear Valley Residential Chipper Program

Residential Chipping Program 2023 Instructions

Bear Valley and the Alpine County properties in Sherman Acres are eligible for a grant funded Residential Chipper Program through the Alpine County Fire Safe Council to provide a No-Cost Defensible Space Chipping Program for residents willing to work together to be fire safe. Please follow the instructions listed below, then, turn in the Request for Chipping Form and the Hold Harmless Agreement. This program can be applied for starting July 1 through September 30, 2023. Your applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The chipping will be performed on approved chipper piles during various weeks through the end of September.

- 1. Place organized brush piles adjacent to a driveway or street, preferably within 5 feet of the road. The overall height of the pile should not exceed 4 feet. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE PILES ON THE COUNTY ROADS OR IN COUNTY DITCHES.**
- 2. Cut Ends must face in the same direction and pointing out towards the road or driveway.**
- 3. No individual branches or limbs over 6 inches in diameter.**
- 4. No piles of leaves, pinecones, pine needles, yard clippings, duff, small twigs, or bark will be chipped.**
- 5. Please keep all piles free of rocks, Mountain White Thorn (*Ceanothus cordulatus*, aka buckbrush), thorny bushes or vines, mud, wire, large pieces of bark, lumber, nails, and pinecones. Any signs of such materials in your piles will cause the chipping work to stop.**
- 6. You need not be home for services to take place.**
- 7. The Fire Safe Council requires an “Application for Chipping” (Attachment 1) and a “Hold Harmless Agreement” (Attachment 2) to be submitted before an inspection will be completed on your property. Please turn in your application after your piles have been completed and are ready for inspection.**
- 8. Homeowners shall not perform any work the day of the chipping and shall stay a minimum of 30 feet from the chipping operation.**

Once you have completed all necessary requirements listed above including the two completed attachments, please leave your forms at the Bear Valley Sheriff’s Office, or email them to Terry Woodrow at: twoodrow@alpinecountyca.gov, or text your forms to 209/770-6487.

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Request for Chipping Form

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT FORM UNTIL ALL MATERIAL IS ACCURATELY STACKED AND READY FOR INSPECTION -- SEE FIRST PAGE FOR DETAILS.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Bear Valley Lot Number: _____ **Bear Valley** Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Nearest Cross St.: _____

Contact address if different: _____

Are you the Property Owner? Yes [] No [] Owner's Name _____

Chipping: Number of piles: ____ Size of Piles: Width ____ (x) Length ____ (x) Height ____

Where is the material? Next to County Road [] Driveway [] Other [] _____

Chips will be placed in a pile on your property.

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

Burn it [] Leave on property [] Have it hauled away to a landfill []

How many hours did it take you to prepare your material? _____

If you hired someone to cut and or stack the material for you, how much did it cost?

I have completed the requirements on the first page of this form. I understand that the Alpine County Fire Safe Council provides this service through contracts with a private chipping company. I understand that they provide their contractors with a preferred weekly schedule, but final decisions are made by the contractor. In addition, I will comply with the chipping crew's decision as to where chipped material is deposited knowing that safety is their foremost concern. I will not make any attempt to load brush into the chipping machine. I understand that all work will be halted if this attempt is made.

Signature

Date

The Alpine County Fire Safe Council Reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

Date Received: _____

Date Inspected: _____

Date Completed: _____

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Hold Harmless Agreement for the 2023 Chipper Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I give my commitment to participate with the Alpine County Fire Safe Council (ACFSC) in the 2023 Residential Chipper Program. I will participate freely in the project.

By Signing below, I agree to the following:

1. I consent to allow the ACFSC private contractor on my property.
2. I agree to have the material chipped back onto my property.
3. I understand that the contractor has the final authority in determining if the piles are suitable for chipping.
4. I understand that if the pile is not prepared to our instructions and specifications, it will not be chipped.
5. I agree to comply with the contractor's decision about where to place the chips, as safety is their number one concern.
6. The landowner will hold harmless the ACFSC and any other entity involved in this project in connection with any loss or liability or injury to persons or property that arise from performance of work under this agreement. ACFSC will hold harmless the Landowner (and any contracting entity in this project) in connection with any loss or liability or injury to persons or property that arise from performance of work under this agreement. Work crews will have liability insurance (provided by ACFSC or contracting entity) for work on Landowner's property.

The term of this agreement shall be from July 1 to September 30, 2023. This agreement can be amended only by prior written notification of either party executing this agreement.

Name: _____
Please Print

Bear Valley Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

NAME (Signature of Landowner)

Date

For more Information Call: Terry Woodrow 209/770-6487