

Bear Valley Residential Chipper Program

Residential Chipping Program 2026 Instructions

Alpine County is pleased to provide **Bear Valley and the Alpine County properties in Sherman Acres** a Residential Chipper Program funded through Alpine County to assist residents in disposing materials created in maintaining defensible space. To participate in the program, please follow the instructions listed below and return the Request for Chipping Form and the Hold Harmless Agreement. This program can be applied for starting July 1 through September 30, 2026. The chipping will be performed 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 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, stumps, large pieces of bark, lumber, nails. Any signs of such materials in your piles will cause the chipping work to stop.**
6. **Complete the attached “Request For Chipping Form” and “Hold Harmless Agreement” to be submitted before an inspection will be completed on your property.**
7. **Once you have completed all necessary forms, please leave them 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?

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Hold Harmless Agreement for the 2026 Chipper Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I give my commitment to participate with the Alpine County Fire Safe Council (ACFSC) in the 2026 Residential Chipper Program. I will participate freely in the project.

By Signing below, I agree to the following:

1. I consent to allow the Alpine County private contractor on my property to complete curbside chipping.
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 Alpine County and any other entity involved in this project in connection with any loss or liability or injury to persons or property that arises from performance of work under this agreement. Alpine County 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 arises from performance of work under this agreement. Work crews will have liability insurance for work on Landowner's property.

The term of this agreement shall be from July 1 to September 30, 2026. 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