



Peoples Valley Fire District

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Title III Slash Chipper Mower Program

Criteria for Brush Chipping Requests

Chipping services are intended to support homeowners conducting their own mitigation work around their homes. It is not intended for vacant properties. Commercial Services conducting landscaping work ARE NOT ELIGIBLE for this service. Homeowners are not to submit chipping requests on behalf of a commercial operator.

Due to our limited equipment and manpower, we can only fulfill twenty requests each Friday. These slots are filled on a first come, first served basis. If all slots are full, you will be notified to reschedule. This underscores the importance of making your request as soon as possible.

Neighborhoods wishing to conduct community mitigation events can have chipping completed on days other than Friday. A representative must coordinate their neighborhood's request with the Wildfire Risk Manager two months in advance.

Defensible space is the area between a house and an oncoming wildfire where the vegetation has been modified to reduce the wildfire threat and allow firefighters to defend the house effectively. The ever-present danger of fire in the Southwest is always a concern. People realize the importance of providing defensible space to protect their homes. The Peoples Valley Fire District has trained personnel to assist the homeowner with brush disposal once the homeowner has provided defensible space. The Peoples Valley Fire District Wildland Division provides curbside chipping services every Friday. Homeowners can submit a request for these services by completing the Brush Chipping Request form.

The following is a list of DOs and DON'Ts in preparation for the Peoples Valley Fire Crews Chipping Service.

It is crucial to fill out the online Brush Chipping Request Form to be placed on the chipping list. Please provide any additional information the crew may need in the space on the form. Typically, chipping requests will be addressed within two weeks; however, during certain times of the year, it may be more than two weeks before we can get to your property. If your pile has not been chipped and it has been two weeks since your request, please submit another request form.

It is important to lay brush along streets for easy access. If this is not possible, please leave a detailed message of the brush's location in the Comment or Message box on the Brush Chipping Request form. Clear communication about the brush's location ensures efficient and accurate service.

DO have cut ends of brush or trees facing the street.

DO make longer piles instead of higher piles. (3-4' high max)

DO maintain a safe distance of 50' while crews operate the chipper.

DON'T use twine, string, wire, flagging, or anything else to tie bundles of brush together.

DON'T request chipping of brush that has been lying around for years (this damages the chipper blades and is much more dangerous for the fuels crew to handle)

DON'T place the following in piles: pine needles, leaf litter, rocks, root balls, cacti, trash, or any other debris other than natural materials; the brush will not be chipped.

DON'T place materials in bags. The bags cannot be put in the chipper.

DON'T place the brush in garbage cans, trailers, or any other container. It will not be chipped.

It is important to adhere to the rules regarding this chipping service. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of the work request, and the address will be denied further chipping requests for one year from the time of the violation of the agreement. This underscores the importance of compliance with the rules.

If you have questions or concerns, use the "Comment or Message" box on the Brush Chipping Request form to request phone contact. Thank you for your support in making the Weaver Mountains a safer place to live.

Our chipping services are specifically designed to support homeowners in their mitigation efforts around their homes. They are not intended for vacant properties or commercial landscaping work. This reassures homeowners that the program is tailored to their needs.