

2020 COMMUNITY CHIPPING PROGRAM

OURAY AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Pile Registration DEADLINE

November 9, 2020

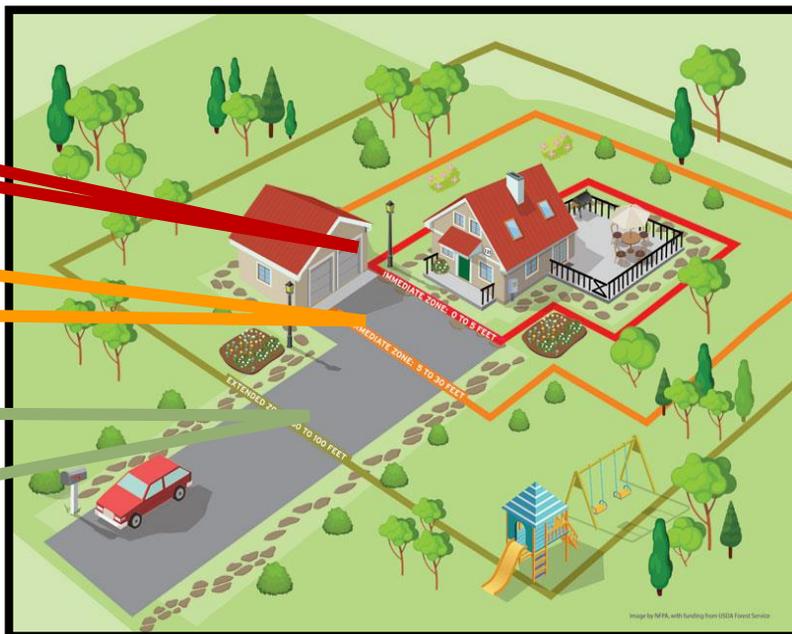
4 Basic Steps to Enroll

1. Read the Guidelines on the next page.
2. Make your piles according to the Guidelines.
3. Track the time you spend making your piles.
4. Register your address and piles at: www.COwildfire.org/chipping/
 - Scroll to the bottom of the page
 - Click on **REGISTER NOW**
 - From the drop down menu, select "Ouray County, November 9, 2020"
 - Fill out your personal information

Zone 1A (0-5 feet from home) - hardened area with NO vegetation within this zone.

Zone 1B (5-30 feet from home) - limit vegetation such as trees, shrubs, etc. Maintain green grasses and shrubs at less than 4" in height.

Zone 2 (30-100 feet from home)- reduce crown spacing between trees and shrubs to prevent a running crown fire; prune/limb trees and shrubs to prevent fire from moving from the ground into the crowns.



For More Information, contact West Region Wildfire Council

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2020 Chipping Program Guidelines

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

- 1. You must own a residence or lot within Ouray and the surrounding area that has been pre-registered with WRWC. (Does not include downtown Ouray.)
- 2. You must register your piles by the deadline at: www.COwildfire.org/chipping/
- 3. You must track your time making your piles and record your hours on your registration form.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

NEW in 2020: Length of individual pieces of material must be at least 2.5 feet long and no longer than 5 feet. Please keep your piece material as close to 5 feet in length as possible.

NEW in 2020: There is no minimum diameter restriction, but material that is at least 1 inch or more in diameter is preferred. Individual pieces of material must be less than 8 inches in diameter.

NEW in 2020: Only the following woody plant materials/species will be accepted in slash piles: sage brush, evergreen trees (such as all pinyon, ponderosa and other pines, spruce, fir), juniper, gamble oak, cottonwood, aspen, serviceberry. NO fruit trees, berry bushes, or herbaceous/non-woody plant material such as grass and flower clippings will be accepted.

- No "old" pieces of slash and dead material. Freshly cut or green material is best
- No construction, building or other man-made materials
- No lumber, fence posts or signs
- No roots, rootwads, stumps or anything else that grows below the soil.
- No materials that contain dirt, sand, gravel or rocks
- No materials that contain any metal (nails, screws, fencing), string or other man-made materials

PILE GUIDELINES

NEW in 2020: To better meet the intent of our Chipping Program, we have instituted a minimum number of piles. Participants with less than 5 piles will be responsible for disposing of their own material. Participants with more material than the 8 pile maximum can register additional piles and pay at a rate of \$30.00 per each additional pile.

- Minimum number of piles per property is 5; maximum number of free piles is 8.
- Minimum pile size is 5 feet high x 5 feet deep x 7 feet long (see photo).
- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the road or driveway (see photo).
- Piles must be within 5 feet of roadway or driveway, but not touching the road, in drainage ditches or impeding any traffic.
- Piles stacked along the driveway must have adequate turnaround space for a full-sized truck with a trailer mounted chipper.
- Piles created using heavy machinery will not be chipped, since they are very difficult to pull apart.



SEASONALLY ADJUSTED MITIGATION GUIDELINES IN PINYON PINE FORESTS

After the 2018 and 2019 season, we saw evidence of outbreak levels of ips beetle activity in pinyon pine forests across the landscape and in some of our wildfire mitigation treatment areas. We learned from ips entomologists that cutting, masticating, and/or chipping pinyon trees releases volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that *can* attract adult beetles during their flight period (April 15 to October 15). In 2020, WRWC requests that homeowners in areas dominated by pinyon trees use the following guidelines:

- Cut pinyon slash material (larger chunks) in late October to allow it to dry out. Slash may stay green enough for colonization for up to six months, especially if it is stored in shade at high elevation.
- Chip or masticate pinyon slash or trees between October 15 to March 15 to allow chips to release their VOCs by April 15 (most of the VOCs are released in approximately 4 weeks).
- Prune and limb trees between October 15 to March 15 so the cut material releases its VOCs by April 15.
- Refrain from cutting, chipping, masticating, or pruning pinyon trees from March 16 through October 14.