

Guidelines for Clearing Property and Constructing Piles for Chipping

Prepare your home for wildfire by removing vegetation from your property. Leave it on the side of the road in a nicely cut pile by September 15th and Wildfire Crews will come by and chip it.

**Woodland Hills
Community Chipping
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Figure 1: Thinned Understory

GUIDELINES FOR THINNING & LIMBING PROPERTY

- Remove all dead vegetation, both standing and down.
- Thin remaining trees, taking damaged, diseased, or leaning trees first, then trees less than 9 inches in diameter. Next, thin out remaining trees so that all trees are 20' – 30' apart at crowns.
- Remove limbs of remaining trees from within 4' – 6' of the ground (vary this height from tree to tree, do not limb more than 1/3 of the tree).
- Remove vegetation within 10' of any chimney opening.
- Remove all vegetation, debris, and flammable material from under wood decks, stairs, or eaves of buildings, or within 25' of propane tanks.

CONSTRUCTING PILES FOR CHIPPING

- Limbs should be 1 1/2" – 12" in diameter and a minimum of 30" long for large chipper.
- Logs should be a maximum of 14" in diameter and 10' long.
- Limbs should be placed with the butt (larger) end within 5' and at a 90-degree angle to a good road or driveway.
- Stacked rows should be no more than 4' high and one row deep. (See Figure 2).
- Chips will be left in piles next to the road, or broadcast in the property, depending on preference. Leave a tarp in front of pile if you wish to keep the chips.
- **NATURAL VEGETATION ONLY!!!!**
Absolutely no rocks, roots, metal, dirt, lumber, trash, or construction material in the piles!!!



Figure 2: Proper chip pile construction

CHECKLIST: HOW ARE WE AS A COMMUNITY PREPARING FOR WILDFIRE?

- ☐ Maintain defensible space around homes
- ☐ Limit ways fire can enter homes, such as chimneys, eaves, vents, roofs, fences, gutters and windows
- ☐ Home addresses visible from the road
- ☐ Hold community wildfire education days
- ☐ Participate in Chipper Day
- ☐ Annually review the community wildfire preparedness plan (CWPP)
- ☐ If you don't know what a CWPP is, contact your community fire council, fire department, county fire warden or area wildland urban interface coordinator
- ☐ Visit the websites listed under 'Other Useful Information' featured in this promotion



Figure 3: Properly limbed tree and spacing

Tracking In-Kind hours

- Please log all In-Kind hours spent reducing fuel on your property or helping a friend, family or neighbor. This in-kind match is what allows this program to continue.
- Also keep track of community wildfire education, outreach and prevention events your community or group has organized.

Log your In-Kind hours using this link:

[Woodland Hills In-Kind Tracking](#)



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Firewise

Learn how to make your community a Firewise community. The site provides online workshops available to help you plan a fire friendly landscape and assess your home and property for wildfire risk.

www.firewise.org

Utah Forestry Fire and State Lands

Find contact information for your area fire warden, fire management officer and wildland urban interface coordinator. They can help you get started being Firewise.

www.ffsl.utah.gov

Utah Fire Info

Get the latest information about current wildfires, prescribed fires, fuels projects and prevention information that is Utah specific.

www.utahfireinfo.gov

Fire Adapted Communities

Learn how to live with wildfire in your community.

www.fireadapted.org

NFPA Firewise Preparing your home for Wildfire

Learn about preparing your home.

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