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## Wildfire Partners Community Chipping Program –

### Frequently Asked Questions

**\* Please note: For any specific logistical concerns or questions, your Chipping Event Contractor will have the final decision (and the best advice!)**

**Q: Do I need to be a current Wildfire Partner to participate in the Community Chipping Program? And are there participant restrictions by address location?**

**A: Nope! The Community Chipping Program is open to all Boulder County Residents**

**Q: What does a Chipping Event cost me?**

**A: Nothing! Contractor costs and payment are provided by the Boulder County's Wildfire Partners Wildfire Mitigation Tax Fund (formerly known as the 1A ballot initiative).**

**Q: Are there size restrictions for slash piles? What's the ideal pile size?**

**A: Currently, there are no restrictions on the length of the slash pile size. Piles are required to be 5 feet deep and 5 feet tall (do not exceed the depth or height of this requirement). The length of the pile should be at least 5 feet.**

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**Q: Are there date restrictions (end date to achieve)?**

**A: While there are no date restrictions at this time, chipping operations will likely not occur during inclement weather or snow.**

**Q: Are there specific chipping contractors eligible for participation?**

**A: Yes- all contractors that are involved with the Community Chipping Program are specifically approved by Boulder County and Wildfire Partners.**

**Q: What is the cost to the homeowner for participation?**

**A: There is no cost to the homeowner for participation in the Wildfire Partners Community Chipping Program.**

**Q: Will the Chipping Contractors chip from each property or do we have to stack slash in a central location?**

**A: Contractors will travel from address-to-address to chip each slash pile. You should not combine slash piles into one central location unless specifically told by your approved Contractor.**

**Q: Can I assume the contractor's trucks can come down my long driveway as long as there is room to turn around?**

**A: No. In general, all slash should be staged 2-3 ft from a public road in a safe location. If this is not common for your property or if staging this way creates a hazard for the public or the homeowner, the participant and Chipping Event Host need to communicate directly with the Contractor, prior to the Chipping Event, to determine if the Contractor can access the slash pile safely.**

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**Q: Is there a maximum footage per household?**

**A: Currently there is no maximum amount of slash, so long as the slash pile is built under the Wildfire Partner's requirements.**

**Q: I have been trying to think of 4 other properties near me that chip. Can you keep me on a list for others in my area that need a 5th property?**

**A: Wildfire Partners will not be organizing lists at this time.**

**Q: How close do we need to be to each other? Do we have to share a property border?**

**A: Properties need to be reasonably close together and in the same neighborhood. Properties do not need to share a border.**

**Q: Will your chipping program include fungal inoculation as part of speeding up decomposition of the wood chips?**

**A: While this process is currently being researched with Boulder County partners, this will not be an option for the 2023 Community Chipping Program.**

**Q: I own five or more properties that are all in the same neighborhood. Can I apply for the Community Chipping Program, or do I need to find additional property owners?**

**A: You can apply for the Community Chipping Program if each property has its own unique street address.**

**Q: Can the Chipping Event Host arrange to keep the chips on site for mulching?**

**A: No, not at this time.**

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**Q: Can a property have more than one slash pile?**

**A: Ideally, each property would have only one slash pile. Any considerations to numbers of piles should be discussed with your Chipping Contractor.**

**Q: Does the chipping program include cutting trees?**

**A: Nope! The Chipping Program's purpose is to reduce slash (fire fuel) into woodchips, and then relocate the woodchips to a donation site.**

**Q: Does it take a lot of work to be a chipping Event Host?**

**A: The Chipping Event Host plays a very important role in the producing an Event. The Host applies to the program, communicates directly with the Wildfire Partners Chipping Coordinator, the Chipping Contractor, and the local participants. So, the host will need to have a positive interest in communicating and organizing.**

**Q: Are there any requirements to be an Event Host?**

**A: Nope! There are no requirements to be a Host, but the Host should fire-minded and have a positive attitude towards communicating with their neighbors!**