



Jamey Bumgarner, Division Chief

Community Chipping Program

You can protect your home from wildfire with help from the Monument Fire District Community Chipping Program.

Monument Fire Community Chipping Program is helping residents and property owners create defensible space by providing free chipping of branches, logs, and small trees. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a slash pile, we'll chip it at no cost. The wood chips will remain on the property, and we will not remove them. The program encourages residents to comply with defensible space recommendations of Colorado State Forest Service and Firewise. The program is not intended for commercial activities or general land clearing.

In the early Spring of 2018, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire was awarded a grant to fund the equipment portion of the chipper program.

The chipping program has general requirements that the community and homeowner must meet when requesting chipping services.

Materials Guidelines

Accepted materials include trees, logs, and branches up to 6 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire.

The following restrictions apply:

- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No shrubs, root wads, stumps, dirt, or rocks. These items clog and damage chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds, bags of leaves or raked needles.



Jamey Bumgarner, Division Chief

Pile Guidelines

Piles should be stacked cut end (butt) towards the road for ease of grasping for chipping.

- Stem diameter is limited to a maximum of 6 inches.
- No mechanically piled brush by tractor or dozer will be chipped.
- Piles must be limited to brush and tree limbs from the property itself. Stringy vine type brush, such as poison oak, construction materials, dirt, leaves, grass, clippings, etc. may foul or damage the chipper.
- If assistance is needed in preparing piles to be chipped, it is recommended that a tree service or landscape contractor is contacted.
- The chipping crew makes the final determination as to whether a pile complies with the requirements.
- Stack piles neatly (no bags),
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles, and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors' piles or place piles in other neighborhoods.

For more information, visit <https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/protect-your-home-property-forest-from-wildfire/>!

Example of a Correct Pile:

