

ARCD Community Chipping Program 'Roadside' Assistance

SEPTEMBER 28TH TOWN HALL

Agenda

Time	Activity
5:45 - 6:05	Arrive
6:05 – 6:10	Introduction
6:10 – 6:20	Program Scope, Services Offered & Anticipated Chipping Run Times
6:20 – 6:30	Program Process & Eligibility
6:30 – 6:50	Pile Specifications & Treatment
6:50 – 7:00	Questions

Introduction to the 2026 Community Chipping Program

The ARCD offers the Community Chipping Program to help encourage continued vegetation maintenance in the county.

The ARCD will administer the Community Chipping Program through a grant awarded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the California Climate Investments Program.

The ARCD will send an industrial chipper and crew to the residential sites to process the roadside slash. The program will provide the community with the ability to process vegetative debris, at no cost to the landowner.

****This year's chipping program iteration will be different from previous years. Make sure to read through the website and materials carefully before reaching out to schedule chipping services.****
<https://www.amadorrcd.org/community-chipping-program>



Program Scope & Services Offered

- The 2026 Community Chipping Program is meant to encourage continued vegetation maintenance within the county, by county residents.
- Residents along key evacuation routes are especially encourage to utilize this program.
- Residents will create vegetative slash piles along the roadside, the ARCD will send an industrial chipper and crew to process the materials. Material will be chipped back onto the property.



Anticipated Chipping Program Run Times

Fall 2026: late October-December

Spring 2027: April-May

Summer 2027: July-August

Fall 2027: October-November

Future Run Timelines: TBD* (*as permitted by funding)

Program Process



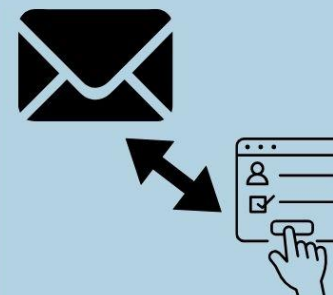
1. Organize your communities first (e.g. Firewise, HOA, Road Associations, and/or streets with 5 or more houses participating),



2. A designated neighborhood lead contacts the ARCD project manager to coordinate date(s) that the community will be ready for chipping services,



3. Then participating houses in the community prepare their vegetative slash pile(s) along roadsides or driveways,



4. And then the community lead emails the ARCD project manager to receive the community's unique community chipping request form.

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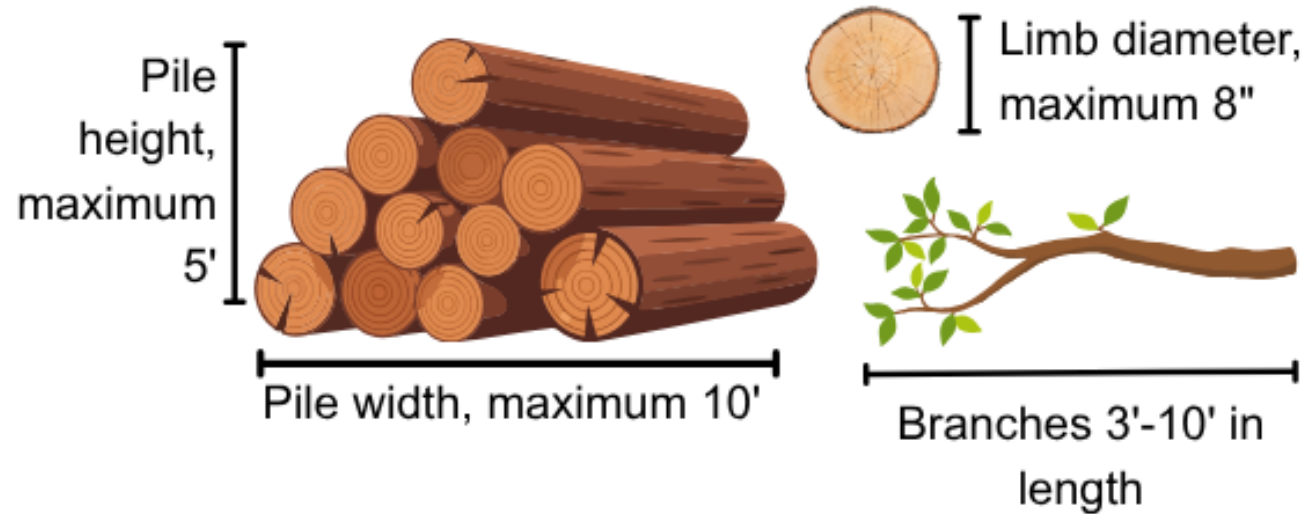
For **Individual Chipping Requests** (i.e. not part of Firewise, HOA, Road Association and/or a street with 5 or more houses), we will work to batch you in with the closest community chipping; however, keep in mind this could take more time to schedule.

Example of a Firewise community and a potential individual chipping request.

Eligibility

1. Program is only available to residents of Amador County.
2. Program is limited to **one** visit, **annually**, per address.
3. Program is limited to **four hours** of chipping per address, on one visit.

Chipping Program Pile Specifications



Branches or limbs, need to be stacked with the trunks facing the road.

Not Allowable



Broom Varieties



Pine Needles



Rose/Berry Vines



Pine Cones



Rocks



Wood Stumps



Machine Made Piles

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Pile Requirements

- Piles need to be stacked along a road or driveway, which allows the crew to work from the roadside.
- Piles must be placed within 5 feet of chipper access.
- Piles must be placed on level ground or uphill side of the road or driveway.
- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the same direction.
- Piles must meet the required size depicted in the previous slide.

Prohibited Items

- Piles of leaves, Pine Needles, or Yard Clippings
- Poison Oak
- Decaying Wood
- All Varieties of Broom
- Lumber from Commercial Properties, Timber Harvest Projects, Commercial Projects or Vacant Lots
- Blackberries/Vines/Anything with Thorns
- Root Balls, Stumps, Dirt, or Twigs

Key Takeaways

- This is a community-based effort, the goal is to make the process more efficient and to extend funding to help more people, over a longer period of time.
 - This does not mean we won't take individual applicants; they will need to be patient as we batch them into larger communities.
- We will be offering services throughout the year; and therefore, plan accordingly when requesting services.
 - May be better to wait until spring and summer if you don't have much vegetative material now.
- Piles that do not meet the requirements will not be chipped, please read all specifics carefully.

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