

# 2019 Butte County Community Chipping Program

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The Butte County Fire Safe Council provides no-cost chipping service for residents who are working on their wildfire safety clearance. Pieces should be no longer than 10 feet in length and no larger than 8 inches in diameter.



### To ensure that your piles are chipped:

- Build neat piles with all cut ends facing toward the street
- Build piles in areas that can be easily accessed with a truck
- Locate piles on level ground, or on the uphill side of the road, outside of drainages
- Make sure that your piles contain **no** rocks, metal, mud, poison oak, scotch broom, vines, blackberries, or building materials
- Include only materials that are **less than 10 feet in length**
- “Loose” piles are preferable to tightly packed material.
- Be respectful of the contractors’ time

### Our program is **NOT** able to chip:

- Roots or decaying wood
- Pine cones, pine needles, leaves, or yard clippings
- Piles that are over 4 feet high or built over standing vegetation
- Large diameter materials that will not fit through the chipper opening – please cut material that cannot be easily compacted so that it is no wider than 8”
- Short pieces that will endanger the chipper operators
- Piles constructed with mechanical assistance (i.e. with a tractor)

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The Community Chipping Program operates during the weeks scheduled for each community. A schedule is available on the website: [buttefiresafe.net](http://buttefiresafe.net). Each parcel owner can participate, free of charge. Preparing your piles well in advance of the chipping date is recommended. **Don’t stack piles within your defensible space.** If the chipping service is delayed you don’t want dry material next to your home during fire season.

### The Butte County Fire Safe Council provides chipping services:

as an alternative to pile burning - benefiting air quality and reducing risk of escapes

as an alternative to dumping - reducing costs and hauling for residents and keeping green waste out of landfills

as an alternative to no action - incentivizing the creation and maintenance of defensible space

**If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support an annual Chipping Program please contact the Butte County Fire Safe Council at 530-877-0984.**

[buttefiresafe.net](http://buttefiresafe.net)

## 2019 Butte County Fire Safe Council Community Chipping Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address *where piles will be located*:  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the property owner?      Yes      No

Where is the material located in relation to the house or road?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Piles must be established along roadways or driveways with adequate turnaround area for a pick-up towing a chipper and at a safe distance from passing traffic. Properties with extremely steep or narrow driveways may not be eligible.*

Choose one:       Pile chips       Broadcast chips

The following questions allow us to report the program's accomplishments to our funder:

How many hours did it take to prepare the piles? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you hire someone to cut and stack materials for you?       Yes       No

If so, how much did it cost? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do with this material if this chipping program were not available?

- Burn it
- Take to transfer station  
# of miles: \_\_\_\_\_
- Leave it on the property
- Rent a chipper

Please read the information on the back of this application before signing.

By signing below, I agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. I agree to admit the BCFSC chipping contractor onto my property.
2. I understand that the BCFSC and their contractors have the final authority in determining if piles are suitable for chipping and that **if a pile is not prepared to the specifications on the back of this form, it may not be chipped.**
3. I understand that the BCFSC makes final scheduling decisions.
4. I agree to comply with the contractor's decision of where to place chips that are to be piled or broadcast on site (usually proximal to where the piles are constructed).
5. I understand that the BCFSC is not obligated to perform this service and the BCFSC is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for negligent performance of this service.
6. I will not hold the BCFSC liable for damages that may occur from pile chipping.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form can be submitted via email to: [chip@buttefiresafe.net](mailto:chip@buttefiresafe.net) or by mail to: BCFSC, 5619 Black Olive Dr., Paradise, CA 95969