

Guidelines for Clearing Property and Constructing Piles for Chipping

North Tooele F.D. Chipper Days October 23-25, 2017

Prepare your home for wildfire by removing vegetation from your property. Leave it on the side of the road near your home by October 23rd and crews from North Tooele Fire, and the State of Utah will come by and chip it for you free of charge. Due to the availability of the crews, the actual date of chipping may vary.



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Figure 1: Thinned juniper

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GUIDELINES FOR THINNING & LIMBING PROPERTY

- Remove all dead vegetation, both standing and down on property.
- 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 all dead vegetation, both standing and down.
- 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 ½" – 10" in diameter and a minimum of 30" long for large chipper.
- Logs should be a maximum of 13" 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 hauled off, left in piles next to the road, or broadcast in the property, depending on preference. (If there is no signs or people there at the time of chipping we will haul them off)
- **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'



Figure 3: Properly limbed tree and spacing

Tracking in-kind hours

- Please log all 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.
- Those who do not sign up using the link below may not get their piles chipped.
- Who do I get the information to?

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Log your chipper hours using this link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/XSeitWNp9FfkVaIj1>

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

Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network

Learn about what other communities across the country are doing to live with fire.

www.fireadaptednetwork.org