



FREE Summit County

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Protect Your Home from Wildfire

SUCCESS IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Summit County is recognized across the West as a leader in community wildfire protection. In 2008, local voters approved a mill levy that funds a variety of wildfire mitigation programs, including the Summit County Chipping Program, which launched in 2014.

Through the Chipping Program, thousands of Summit County residents and property owners have taken concrete steps to protect their homes from wildfire. Here are some highlights of our community's success in the program's first four years:

- **7,958** participating households
- **25,418** slash piles chipped
- **21,300** cubic yards of woody material chipped and collected

Summit County government is helping residents and property owners **create defensible space** by providing free chipping and disposal for 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 and haul it away at no cost.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 12 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire. The following restrictions apply:

- No willows or cottonwood: Willows and cottonwood have high moisture content, so they help to slow the spread of fire. They also clog our chipping equipment because they are very fibrous.
- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No shrubs, root wads, stumps, dirt or rocks: These items clog and damage our chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds or bags of leaves.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is an area around a home where trees and other flammable vegetation are cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire toward the building. Defensible space creates a safe zone for firefighters to carry out their work, and it reduces the chance that a structure fire will move to the surrounding forest. Every home in Summit County should have defensible space.

To schedule a free defensible-space assessment of your property, call Summit Fire and EMS (970-262-5209), Red White & Blue Fire (970-453-2474)

PILE GUIDELINES

Piles must be stacked by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your neighborhood's designated chipping week (see reverse for schedule), so that our chipping crews can identify pile locations and plan their routes for that week. Chipping and collection will take place Monday through Friday of your neighborhood's designated chipping week. Improperly stacked piles, and any piles stacked after 8 a.m. on Monday, may not be identified or collected.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with the large ends of branches facing the road.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Maximum pile size is 5'x5'x5'. There is no limit on the number of piles you may put out. If you have more than 20 piles, please notify us one week prior to you scheduled collection time.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- If you would like to keep your chips, tie a piece of red yarn or flagging in a prominent spot on the pile.

PROPERLY STACKED PILE



IMPROPERLY STACKED PILE



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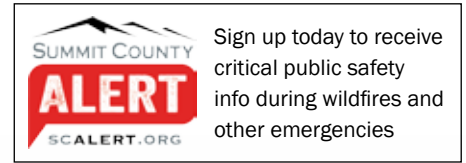
Service Map and Schedule

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

- Week 1** June 25–29
- Week 8** August 13–17
Frisco, Copper Mountain
- Week 2** July 2–6
- Week 9** August 20–24
Montezuma, Keystone, Summit Cove, Summerwood
- Week 3** July 9–13
- Week 10** August 27–31
Corinthian Hill, Dillon, Dillon Valley, Mesa Cortina, Wildernest
- Week 4** July 16–20
- Week 11** September 3–7
Ptarmigan, Silverthorne
- Week 5** July 23–27
- Week 12** September 10–14
Ruby Ranch, Willowbrook to Golden Eagle Road
- Week 6** July 30 – August 3
- Week 13** September 17–21
Eagles Nest, Three Peaks, South Forty, Hamilton Creek, Sage Creek Canyon
- Week 7** August 6–10
- Week 14** September 24–28
Pebble Creek to Heeney

SOUTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

- Week 1** June 25–29
- Week 8** August 13–17
Quandary to Tordal Estates
- Week 2** July 2–6
- Week 9** August 20–24
Town of Blue River
- Week 3** July 9–13
- Week 10** August 27–31
Spruce Valley Road (The Crown), Spruce Valley Ranch, Warrior's Mark
- Week 4** July 16–20
- Week 11** September 3–7
Boreas, Baldy, Moonstone, Western Sky Ranch
- Week 5** July 23–27
- Week 12** September 10–14
Peak 7, Peak 8, Peak 9
- Week 6** July 30 – August 3
- Week 13** September 17–21
Highlands, Summit Estates
- Week 7** August 6–10
- Week 14** September 24–28
Silver Shekel, Highland Meadows, Tenmile Vista, Gold Hill, Farmer's Korner



Chipping operations in southern Summit County will be conducted concurrently with those in central and northern Summit County