



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

# 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. Local voters have approved mill levies that fund 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:

MORE THAN

**15,332** pickups

FROM OVER **7,000**  
PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS



AND MORE THAN

**42,000** cubic yards  
WOODY MATERIALS COLLECTED



Summit County is helping residents and property owners **create defensible space** by providing free chipping and disposal for conifer and aspen branches, logs and small trees. If you clear this woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a pile, we'll chip it and haul it away for free.

### 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: Willows 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 rotten wood, root wads, stumps, dirt, rocks, or shrubs: These items clog and damage our chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds or bags of leaves.

### 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 record all pile locations and plan their routes for that week. Chipping and collection will take place throughout your designated week.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags); place trunks and branches perpendicular to the road, large ends facing the road, small ends facing your property.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Viewed from the road, maximum pile size is 5 feet high, 5 feet wide; maximum length of individual trunks and branches is 10 feet.
- Maximum number of piles for each property is 10 piles.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.

### DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is an area around a home where trees and other flammable vegetation are cleared or thinned 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, contact:**

- Summit Fire & EMS  
970-262-5100
- Red, White & Blue Fire  
mitigation@rwbfire.org



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# 2023 CHIPPING PROGRAM DATES AND SERVICE AREA LOCATIONS

## NORTH AND CENTRAL SUMMIT COUNTY

**Week 1** June 5-9

Frisco, Copper Mountain

**Week 2** June 12-16

Silverthorne (east of Hwy. 9), Ptarmigan, Dillon Valley, Town of Dillon, Corinthian Hill

**Week 3** June 19-23

Summerwood, Summit Cove, Keystone, Montezuma

**Week 4** June 26-30

Summit Sky Ranch, Eagles Nest, Three Peaks

**Week 5** July 3-7

Silverthorne (west of Hwy. 9), Mesa Cortina, Wilderrest

**Week 6** July 10-14

Willowbrook, Willow Creek Highlands, Ruby Ranch

**Week 7** July 17-21

All properties north of Summit Sky Ranch

**Week 8** July 24-28

Sage Creek Canyon, South Forty, Hamilton Creek, Angler Mountain Ranch, Ponds at Blue River, Blue River Run

## SOUTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

**Week 1** June 5-9

Farmer's Korner, Gold Hill, Highland Meadows, Tenmile Vista, Silver Shekel

**Week 2** June 12-16

Airport Road, Peak 7

**Week 3** June 19-23

Peak 8, Peak 9, Town of Breckenridge, Western Sky Ranch, Moonstone

**Week 4** June 26-30

Boreas, Baldy

**Week 5** July 3-7

Warrior's Mark, Spruce Valley Road (The Crown), Spruce Valley Ranch

**Week 6** July 10-14

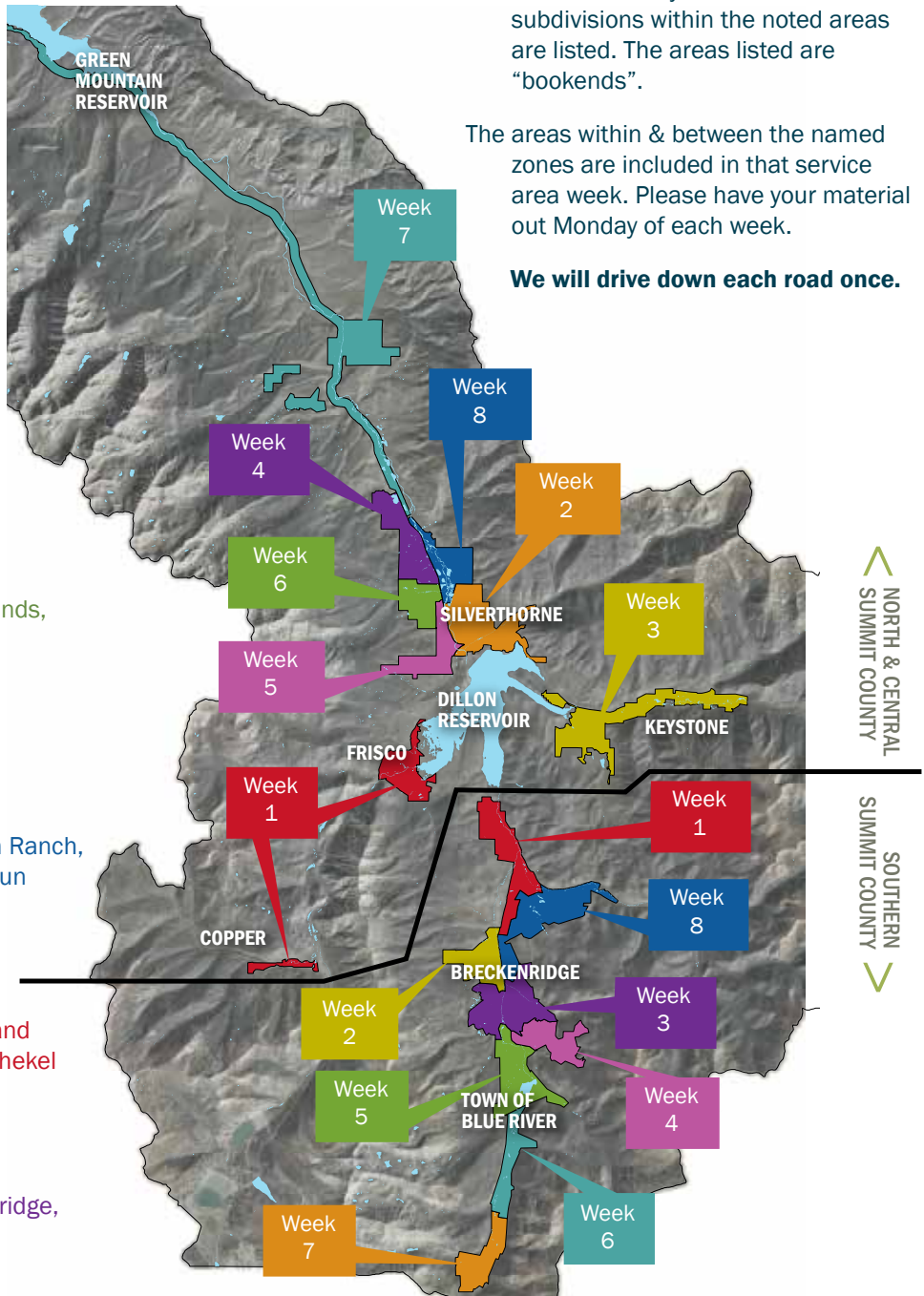
Town of Blue River vicinity

**Week 7** July 17-21

Tordal Estates to Quandary

**Week 8** July 24-28

Highlands, Summit Estates, Gilrose, Swan River Valley



This list is a "vicinity" locator. Not all subdivisions within the noted areas are listed. The areas listed are "bookends".

The areas within & between the named zones are included in that service area week. Please have your material out Monday of each week.

**We will drive down each road once.**

Scan the QR Code for complete program details.



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