

Missoula County Curbside Chipping Program

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About

The Missoula County curbside chipping program is a service available for all communities within the Wildland-Urban Interface. The purpose of the program is to encourage and engage residents to create defensible space, specifically around their home, outbuildings, and access routes (driveways). The intent for this service is to increase the pace and scale at which homeowners treat their property by providing a cost-effective way to remove slash generated by vegetation management projects.

The homeowner is responsible for cutting the vegetation and hauling it to the street curb. Team Rubicon, a volunteer group comprised of service members, will chip and haul the vegetation away.

Guidelines

- The chipper can handle debris up to 7 inches in diameter and up to 10 feet long.
- Place cut ends near your driveway entrance along the street.
- Place cut ends facing out towards the street to make loading the chipper as efficient as possible.
- No nails, stumps, wires, vines, pine needles, piles of leaves rocks or spiny plants (i.e. roses).
- You will be responsible for disposing of any unchipped material.
- Please make piles no greater than 3 feet tall and 8 feet deep.
- Depending on chipping location, we can have a haul truck to haul away the chips or the chips will be broadcasted in a firesafe manner back onto the property when aesthetically possible.
- REQUIREMENT: At least 10 homeowners in a community need to participate to be eligible for the program.
- Each participating homeowner should receive a wildfire risk assessment from a Missoula County fire professional prior to any cutting.
 - This is not a requirement; however, is encouraged if you are not sure what to cut.

Coordinate directly with Max Rebholz if interested in this program. He can be reached at mrebholz@missoulacounty.us.