



HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMUNITY CHIPPER DAY INSTRUCTIONS



Follow these instructions to ensure a safe and effective Community Chipper Day. This community service is made possible by the Department of Public Works, a member of the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council.

WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE CHIPPED?

Yes!

- Collect and pile all material to be chipped prior to the scheduled chipping day.
- Designate a place for chipped material within 5 feet of where the chipper will be parked.
- **Stack material in rows no greater than 5' tall x 5' wide x 5' long**
- Limbs up to 8" in diameter between 3-5' long
- Neatly stacked piles with cut ends of branches facing toward the street, driveway, or turnout (so that it can be easily picked up and placed in the chipper)

No

- Limbs over 8" in diameter and shorter than 3 feet or longer than 5' (it's a safety hazard to feed small or oversized limbs into the chipper)
- Leaves or lawn clippings
- Roots, root wads, stumps, or dirt/mud
- Lumber, fence posts, gravel, nails, or trash
- Poisonous plants such as poison oak or oleander
- Spiny plants such as roses or blackberry brambles
- Bay laurel, tan oak, or rhododendron infected or suspected to be infected with Sudden Oak Death (Suddenoakdeath.org)
- Commercial orchard prunings or timber slash
- Materials from vacant lots that do not benefit a home within 100 feet. This is part of a defensible space assistance program.



Good Stacking



Unacceptable Stacking

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<https://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/115165/Chipper-Day>.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Crews will chip piles of cut vegetation at *No Cost* to you.
- To maximize benefit to the most people, crews will not be able to spend more than one hour per household. This equates to roughly eight neatly stacked 5x5x5' piles.
- A truck will be towing a chipper and is limited to paved, graveled or established hard surfaced roads with adequate area for turning around.
- You do not need to be present while the chipper crew is working on your piles, although it is recommended.
 - Let the crew leader know if you would like to help. You cannot operate the chipper but there are other ways you can assist.
- Chip Disposal
 - Crews will be instructed to leave chips on site.
 - Please designate an obvious area **within 5 feet** of where the chipper will be parked for the crew to leave a pile of chips. Crews may not have the capacity to broadcast chips.
 - Where it is not reasonably feasible to leave chips on site, alternative arrangements may be possible if made in advance of the scheduled Chipper Day.

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