



## Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District REQUEST FOR CHIPPING FORM

**Instructions:** Please complete this form and mail, or deliver to Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, Station #3, 193 Elks Point Road. The form can also be filled out online at [www.ZephyrFireSafe.org](http://www.ZephyrFireSafe.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the owner of the property? Yes  No

Owners Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

**Chipping:** Number of piles: \_\_\_\_\_ Total size of piles combined: W \_\_\_\_\_(X) L \_\_\_\_\_(X) H \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximately how many acres of property did you clear?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where is the material?** On the shoulder of a Road  Driveway  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours did it take you to prepare your material?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you want the chipped material ? \_\_\_\_\_ or do you want it hauled away ? \_\_\_\_\_** (Hauling is not always available, if is not you will be notified) **Note: woodchip is not to be used for landscaping purposes within 5’ of a home or deck, and it should not be used as a blanket landscape material within 30’ of your home.)**

**If you hired someone to cut and stack the material for you, how much did it cost?** \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the requirements on the attached form (checklist) and agree to allow the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District’s (TDFPD) chipping crew admittance onto my property in order to access the pile(s) for chipping. I understand that the material will be chipped back onto my property. I understand that if the pile is not prepared per the checklist, it will not be chipped. I understand that TDFPD makes all efforts to chip piles within two weeks of receiving chipping requests, however, TDFPD provides no guarantees as to when the work will be completed. In addition, I will comply with the chipping crew’s decisions as to where chipped material is deposited because safety is their foremost concern. I will not make any attempt to load brush into the chipping machine. I understand that all work will be halted if this attempt is made. I understand that TDFPD is not obligated to perform this service and that TDFPD is not liable for its failure to perform this service.

The applicant, for him/her/itself, his/her/its contractors and employees, agrees to save, indemnify and to hold harmless the TDFPD and/or its representatives from all liabilities and claims for damage by reason of injury or death to any person or persons, or damage to property from any cause whatsoever while, in, upon, or in anyway connected with the work associated with this request and does further agrees to defend the TDFPD in any claim arising out of, or as a result any work associated with this request.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Please return the completed form to:**

<p>Tahoe Douglas Fire District Fire Station No. 3 193 Elks Point Rd. Round Hill, NV</p>	<p>by mail: Tahoe Douglas Fire District Attn: Chipping Program P.O. Box 919 Zephyr Cove, NV 89448</p>	<p>by E-mail: <a href="mailto:woodchip@tahofire.com">woodchip@tahofire.com</a></p>
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*Please Note: Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District is not responsible for wood chip piles. It is the property owner’s responsibility to dispose of the chips.*



## Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District Residential Chipping Program

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Please review the following Residential Chipping Program information.

- Create defensible space by clearing flammable vegetation a minimum of 100' from structures. Please refer to the Living With Fire - Lake Tahoe Basin guidelines, available at any TDFD Fire Station. The information is also available for viewing and downloading at [www.tahoefire.org](http://www.tahoefire.org). **Chipping services will only be provided to participants with a residence on the property.**
- Place brush piles so the chipping machine and crew can readily have access. The piles need to be adjacent to a driveway or street. Preferably pile brush on the uphill side. Also, when placing the brush piles, place it in an area that will be out of your way and in a location that there is access for the equipment to turn around. Refer to the picture above for an example of the equipment.
- Recently removed vegetation will chip better than dead, decayed, or dried out branches and shrubs.
- It is easier and more efficient to chip the piles if they are wider and spread out rather than taller. All the cut ends need to be facing the same direction. The cut ends should be directed out toward the driveway or road where the chipping machine will be parked. Please follow the diagram on the following page for additional instruction on preparing your piles.
- The chipper can handle material up to 6 inches in diameter (no root balls). The equipment does not chip individual branches that are small rakings or old, decayed wood.
- Keep all piles free of rocks, dirt, wire, lumber, and spiny plants. The chipper can not chip piles of pine needles, pine cones, or leaves.
- TDFPD requires the Request for Chipping Form be completed before chipping is done on your property. You may submit the form online at [www.tahoefire.org](http://www.tahoefire.org) or pick up a form at the Round Hill Fire Station at 193 Elks Point Rd. Currently, it can take up to 2 weeks from the time we receive the form to the date you are assigned for chipping. TDFPD does not operate equipment on RED FLAG warning/watch days as determined by the National Weather Service.
- Disposal of the chips are the property owner's responsibility, please indicate your preference on the chipping request form. Please note that woodchips is not to be used within 5' of a home or deck, and it should not be used in a widespread manner within 30' of your home.
- See diagram on back for pile construction requirements

