

# 2016 COMMUNITY CHIPPING PROGRAM FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Pitkin County is running a new pilot program in 2016 that assists communities and homeowners reduce wildfire risk by providing a curb-side chipping service. Homeowners will pile brush according to the guidelines below and the County will chip and haul away for **FREE**. Mountain Valley has been selected. Our crews will begin chipping and hauling your piles on June 16<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. The Community Chipping Program is a **FREE** service to participating communities and residents within the selected Pitkin County area.

## INVOLVING YOUR COMMUNITY

In order to schedule a chipping day in your area, we need assurance that there will be participation from at least twenty different community homeowners.

## PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

1. In order to participate in this program, you must live within a community that has been selected
2. Participants must register their piles by visiting [www.PitkinWildfire.com](http://www.PitkinWildfire.com) and clicking on "Chipping"

## PILE GUIDELINES

- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the road (see photo)
- Piles must be within 5 feet of the public roadway, but not touching the road, in drainage ditches or impeding any traffic
- Maximum number of piles: 5 per property
- Maximum pile size is 5 feet high x 5 feet deep x 7 feet long
- Piles that are created using heavy machinery that are very difficult to pull apart to chip will be rejected



## MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, tree branches, small diameter logs and brush (cut away from root mass).

The following restrictions apply:

- No logs or branches with a diameter greater than 6 inches
- No construction, building or other man-made materials
- No lumber, fence posts or signs
- No roots, rootwads, stumps or anything else that grows below the soil
- No materials that contain dirt, sand, gravel or rocks
- No materials that contain any metal (nails, screws, fencing), string or other man-made materials
- No herbaceous / non-woody plant material

## WOOD CHIPS

- All wood chips, resulting from the chipping of your pile(s) will be removed

## SUMMARY

1. If you received this flyer it is because your neighborhood/area has been selected for our pilot program. Please help involve your neighbors and register for the chipping program to ensure its success. If you have any questions please email [jeff.edelson@pitkinsheriff.com](mailto:jeff.edelson@pitkinsheriff.com) (preferred) or call Valerie MacDonald 970-920-5234.
2. Pre-registration is required, please register your piles by your neighborhood/area registration deadline on our website at [www.PitkinWildfire.com/](http://www.PitkinWildfire.com/). Additional details can also be found on the website.



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