



2025-2026

REQUIREMENTS FOR PILES TO BE CHIPPED

The following requirements must be met for qualifying for the chipping service offered by the Nevada County OES. Chipping service will be denied if these requirements are not met.

Each property owner must sign an ROE form, which will be sent by email for you to fill out, sign, and then return the paper copy to Joy Elson.

- Piles should be 5 feet tall by 5 feet wide by up to 8-10 feet deep.
- Piles to be chipped must be ready and in place by the designated date.
- Your chipping pile(s) will need to be stacked along a road or driveway frontages, which will allow the crew to work from the road or driveway.
- The crew cannot park along a county maintained road to do the chipping, so your pile(s) will need to be placed along a private road or driveway within 5 feet of chipper access.
- There must be room for the trucks and chipper trailer park while chipping, and to be able to turn around.
- Your pile(s) must be placed on level ground or on the uphill side of the road or driveway.
- Your pile(s) must be free of roots/stumps, rocks and mud, poison oak, scotch broom, and blackberries and other vines.
- Your pile(s) must be stacked with the cut ends facing the same direction, pointing towards access route to piles.
- Heaviest materials should be on the bottom, lightest material on the top.
- Material can be up to 8 inches in diameter, and at least 3 feet in length. The longer the better for the crew - easier to feed through the chipper.
- All materials chipped will be blown back onto the property, or put in a pile where the brush was stacked (if broadcasting doesn't work for you).

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Items that CAN NOT be chipped:

- Piles of Leaves, Pine Needles, or Yard Clippings
- Poison Oak
- Decaying Wood
- All Varieties of Scotch Broom
- Blackberries/Vines/Anything with Thorns
- Root Balls, Stumps, Dirt, or Twigs
- Foreign materials/non-vegetative items/lumber of any kind