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NEVADA COUNTY CHIPPING PROGRAM

Thank you for participating in Nevada County Office of Emergency Services chipping program. Please see the list below for vegetation chipping requirements.

NEVADA COUNTY OES IS NOT ABLE TO CHIP THE FOLLOWING:

- Foreign materials, non-vegetative items or lumber of any kind.
- Piles of leaves, pine needles, or yard clippings, or poison oak.
- Trunks or branches less than 18" in length.
- Trunks or branches greater than 11" in diameter.
- All varieties of broom (i.e. Scotch Broom, French broom)
- Blackberries, vines, and anything with thorns.
- Root balls, dirt clumps, stumps, and twigs.
- Piles that have been compressed with heavy equipment.
- Anything deemed to be a safety hazard by the crew lead.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE VEGETATION PILE GUIDELINES BELOW TO BE SCHEDULED:

- Piles must be placed within 10 feet of chipper access.
- Piles must be accessible by the crew who use a truck and pull-behind chipper. If the pile is not easily accessible to the crew for any reason, service *will be declined and the request will be cancelled. This includes locked gates.*
- Crews will not work over snow or in mud.
- Piles must be placed on **level ground or on the uphill side** of the chipper access.
- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the same direction, pointing towards the access route to piles. Heaviest materials should be on the bottom with lightest material on the top.
- Piles must not be higher than 6 feet or 20 feet in length.
- Piles must be a minimum of 5 feet high and 5 feet in length
- Trees from 6"-11" in diameter must have branches/limbs cut to the trunk and stacked.
- Trees taller than 15' in height must be cut in half or thirds and so on.
- All materials chipped will be blown back onto the property – no piles.

