



CHIPPING PROJECT

NO COST CHIPPING SERVICES FOR AMADOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

The **Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD)** is implementing a residential fuels Roadside Chipping program, a Neighborhood Chipping program, and Community Chipping events to help encourage continued vegetation maintenance in the county. The chipping program is open to all Amador County residents that first pile vegetative slash along roadsides or driveways, then submit a request for chipping service via our website (www.AmadorRCD.org/chipping). The ARCD will send an industrial chipper and crew to the site to process the roadside slash. The program will provide the community the ability to process vegetative debris, or residents can bring their green waste to one of the scheduled Community Chipping events throughout the county.

TWO OPTIONS FOR ASSISTANCE

COMMUNITY CHIPPING EVENTS

Amador RCD will be hosting Community Chipping events throughout Amador County during 2022. Landowners will bring material to be chipped to scheduled locations. An application for service will be completed on site with the assistance of ARCD staff.

Participants need to review the guidelines and restrictions outlined on our website prior to the event and are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns.

ROADSIDE CHIPPING

Roadside and Neighborhood Chipping is available for residents of Amador County. Once vegetation is cut and piled by the landowner, an application for service should be completed and submitted via our website. If multiple addresses in a neighborhood would like to participate, our staff will assist with coordinating a Neighborhood Chipping event within the neighborhood.

INTERESTED IN ROADSIDE CHIPPING OR A COMMUNITY CHIPPING EVENT? CONTACT OUR PUBLIC OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD)

Community Chipping Event

Green Waste Disposal Form

Instructions: Completely fill out form and return to ARCD staff at the Community Chipping Event.

For more information: www.AmadorRCD.org/Chipping email: megan@amadorrcd.org phone: (209) 214-9727

1. Contact Information		2. Date:	
Name			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	
Daytime Phone #:	Email:		
3. Property Address (Site green waste was removed from if different than above)			
Site Address			
City	State	Zip	
Site Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):			
4. Treatment Information:		How many hours were spent clearing: _____ hours	
Estimated # of acres of property you cleared: _____ acres		If you hired someone, how much did it cost: \$ _____	
What would you have done with the material if not for the Community Chipping Day?		<input type="checkbox"/> Burn it <input type="checkbox"/> Leave it on the property <input type="checkbox"/> Chip it <input type="checkbox"/> Take it to a landfill <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Estimated # of loads brought to Chipping Day: _____		Type/size of vehicle/trailer used: _____	

5. Terms and Conditions By providing my signature below I acknowledge and certify the following:
 The green waste brought to the community chipping day meets the requirements of ARCD Community Chipping Project (available on the ARCD website www.AmadorRCD.org/chipping). I agree that I am giving this green waste to the ARCD and in doing so forfeiting ownership of the processed chips. I agree to allow the Amador Resource Conservation District (ARCD) staff and private contractor to unload my vehicle/trailer that is brought to the community chipping day. I understand that the ARCD provides this service through contracts with private chipping companies. The contractor has final authority to determine what is suitable for chipping. 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 ARCD is not obligated to perform this service and that ARCD is not liable for its failure to perform this service or for the negligent performance of this service. The applicant agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and to defend the ARCD and its employees from and against any and all claims for injury or damage arising from or connected with the work associated with this request, except for any such claim arising solely out of negligent acts or omissions attributable to the ARCD and its employees. It is understood that the duty to indemnify and hold harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

Signature _____

Date _____



This is a project of the Amador Resource Conservation District with cooperation from local fire protection districts and CALFIRE. Funding provided by a grant from the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region, through the California Fire Safe Council.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ROADSIDE CHIPPING:

The following requirements must be met in order for us to chip at your location. We reserve the right to refuse chipping services if these requirements are not met:

- Piles need to be stacked along a road or driveway frontages, which will allow the crew to work from the road or driveway.
- Piles must be placed within 5 feet of chipper access.
- Piles must be placed on level ground or on the uphill side of the road or driveway.
- Piles must be free of roots, stumps, rocks, mud, poison oak, scotch broom, blackberries and other vines.
- Piles 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 materials on the top.
- **Piles must not be higher than 5 feet and no wider than 10 feet long.** Multiple piles are allowed.
- Material can be up to **6 inches in diameter**, and needs to be **at least 3 feet in length (no longer than 10 feet)**. The longer the better for the crew, as it is easier to feed through the chipper.
- All chipped materials will be blown back onto the property or put in a pile where the brush was stacked.
- The ARCD will provide service on a first-come, first-served basis. **We limit service for individual customers to no more than 4 hours per visit.**
- The ARCD cannot clean up commercial properties, timber harvest projects, commercial projects, vacant lots, or marijuana grows.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CHIPPING EVENT PARTICIPATION:

The ARCD has received grant funds to provide chipping services for neighborhoods and individual homeowners in Amador County who are willing to put the work in to make their property fire-safe. Please read the instructions below before attending a Community Chipping Event:

1. This program is only available to residents of Amador County.
2. Program is limited to 1 hour of chipping.
3. Green Waste Only. No large trees, building materials, general debris or garbage.
4. This program is intended to help create defensible space of a minimum of 100 feet (or to property line) around your primary residence. The intention of the funding is not for clearing acreage or vacant parcels.
5. Please print, complete, and bring the '**Green Waste Disposal Form**' to the Community Day you attend.

The following are the requirements for bringing material to a Community Chipping Event. We reserve the right to refuse chipping service if these requirements are not met:

- **Name, Address, Accessors Parcel #, and email address** will be recorded before material is chipped. Hours spent clearing the material to be chipped shall be tracked by the contractor and reported to the ARCD.
- Material must be free of roots, stumps, rocks, mud, poison oak, scotch broom, blackberries and other vines.
- Material can be up to **6 inches in diameter** and needs to be **at least 3 feet in length (no longer than 10 feet.)** The longer the better for the crew, as it is easier to feed through the chipper.
- The ARCD will provide service on a first-come, first-serve basis. **We limit service to individual customers at a maximum of 1 hour per visit during the Community Chipping Day.**
- The ARCD Community Chipping Day is meant for **residents** to assist in the removal of vegetation surrounding their homes, NOT FOR INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

ARCD CHIPPING PROGRAM

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The ARCD is **not able to chip** foreign materials, non-vegetative items, or lumber of any kind:

- Piles of Leaves, Pine Needles, or Yard Clippings
- Poison Oak
- Decaying Wood
- All Varieties of Broom
- Commercial Properties, Timber Harvest Projects, Commercial Projects or Vacant Lots
- Blackberries/Vines/Anything with Thorns
- Root Balls, Stumps, Dirt, or Twigs