



## FOUR MILE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### 2022 **FREE** Roadside Slash Chipping



Four Mile FPD is happy to announce that we were recently awarded grant funding to provide free slash chipping to residents of our district. We can offer up to 2 hours per household for roadside or driveway-side slash chipping.

**Sign up is open until June 10, 2022.** You can sign up [here](#)

Please read the program details below to help make this program successful!



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## Program Overview and Slash Specifications

As part of Four Mile FPD's wildfire risk reduction efforts, we were successful in seeking grant funding to provide free chipping to the community. We encourage you to prioritize slash removal that is consistent with defensible space standards that are available [here](#) (*pay particular attention to Zone 1, 0-5' from your home, those recommendations are on Page 8, but the entire document is very useful to review*).

The program is only available to residents of the Four Mile Fire District and only provides for roadside or driveway-side chipping, we cannot haul slash to roads edge as part of this grant program, so please ensure the slash is accessible to our truck and chipper.

Slash must be arranged with the cut ends facing the road/driveway, and should be neatly piled in a linear row(s) (please avoid piles taller than 6', and limit the total linear length to approximately 40') the picture below shows an example of the ideal arrangement of a slash pile.



We are only able to woodchip slash that is 6" and smaller in diameter, and no longer than 10' in length. **We cannot chip dimensional lumber, roots or large logs.** Please ensure that the slash is free of any rocks, dirt, spikes, nails, barbed wire fencing, etc, as this can seriously damage our equipment. If we find traces of unacceptable materials in the slash pile, we may not be able to chip any of your slash.



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We will be broadcasting woodchips and leaving those woodchips on side. To encourage woodchip decomposition, we strive to limit the woodchip depth to 3" or less in most places. We will not broadcast within 15-30' of structures, to avoid adding combustible material to the landscape in proximity to structures.

Please do not stack slash too close to your structures, to ensure that it is easy for us to broadcast chips at an appropriate distance from any structures.

Please do not stack slash within 40' of your property boundaries, to ensure that we do not spray woodchips onto neighboring properties. Four Mile FPD is not responsible for truthing property boundaries under this program.

**Four Mile has funding to provide up to two hours of slash chipping per household.** If you believe you have more than 2 hours of chipping (6' slash pile longer than 40 linear feet) please indicate that in the comments on the sign up form. If we have unspent funds after completing the first round of chipping, we may return to those who had extra slash and provide additional chipping as part of the grant program. Alternatively, you may indicate in the sign up form that you would like us to invoice you for any chipping beyond the 2 free hours at our standard rate of \$50/hr per firefighter, equipment cost of the chipper is free to residents.

## Timeline

Sign up closes on **June 10**, but if you sign up after that time, we will keep you on the "wait list" and if we have sufficient funding we will provide as much slash chipping as possible.

We will be contacting those who are signed up by **July 1** with an estimated timeline for chipping, and we will notify you directly one day prior to chipping at your house. Please ensure that we have good access on the day we plan to chip (e.g. no cars parked blocking your driveway)

We will do our best to stick to the schedule, but please allow some flexibility with the timeline, as it is very hard for us to predict how long chipping will take at each household.

Please contact Paul Dennison at [dennison@fourmilefire.org](mailto:dennison@fourmilefire.org) with any additional questions or for guidance on using this grant program to maximize wildfire risk reduction benefit to your household.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with you!