



# Lake Valley Fire Protection District Residential Chipping Guidelines

## Please review the following Residential Chipping Program Guidelines

- Create defensible space by clearing flammable vegetation according to the Living with Fire Guidelines for Homeowners. Publications are available at Lake Valley Fire Protection District Station (LVFPD) No. 7 located at 2211 Keetak St. in Meyers. The information is also available on the web at [www.livingwithfire.info](http://www.livingwithfire.info)
- Place slash and brush piles adjacent to a driveway or street so the chipping machine and crew can readily have access. Please place piles in an area where equipment can be easily turned around. Refer to the picture for an example of the equipment and pile placement.
- Recently removed vegetation will chip better than dead, decayed, or dried out branches and shrubs.
- It is easier and more efficient to chip the piles if they are wider and more spread out rather than taller. Place the cut ends facing out toward the driveway or road where the chipping machine will be parked. Please follow the diagram below for additional instruction on preparing your piles.
- The chipper can handle material up to 6 inches in diameter (no root balls). The equipment does not chip individual branches that are small such as rakings or old, decayed wood. The chipper can not chip piles of pine needles, pine cones, or leaves.
- Keep all piles free of trash including rocks, dirt, wires, and lumber.
- After placing your pile, please call 577 CHIP (2447) to put your name on the list. Place piles on or before your regularly scheduled trash pick up day. This is a change from previous years. Whenever possible, LVFPD will chip your pile on the day your trash is picked up. If not, LVFPD will attempt to schedule your pile for that week or the following week. All chips will be left in a pile.
- Free chipping is provided by the Lake Valley Fire Protection District to both the City of South Lake Tahoe and El Dorado County residents. Funding is provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This service is not available to residents with property on USFS land. Please contact USFS Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit for assistance. This is a change from previous years.



**Thank you for helping to make our community fire safe.**

