



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

## **2011 Community Mobile Chipper Program**



*You cut it. You pile it. We chip it. A FREE service!*

**CALL 509-493-1936**

The 2011 Community Mobile Chipping Program (CMCP) is intended to assist landowners and residents in Skamania County with the safe disposal of yard and forest debris by providing a **FREE** curb-side chipping service. The purpose of this program is to help landowners reduce risk of wildfire by removing dead and unwanted woody vegetative fuels in a responsible manner. The program is brought to you by a partnership between Underwood Conservation District, Skamania County, Washington Department of Natural Resources, the USDA Forest Service and your local Fire Protection District. The program is funded by Title III of the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act as it was reauthorized in 2008 as well as grant funds provided by Washington DNR and the USDA Forest Service.

### **Here's how it works:**

1. Call 509-493-1936 to register your name and address for the program.
2. Cut and collect woody vegetative debris on your property
3. Pile your woody vegetative debris according to the Special Instructions, Terms & Conditions on page 2.
4. Call 509-493-1936 to inform UCD that your pile is "ready to be chipped".
5. You will need to supply the following information:
  - o Name
  - o Phone number
  - o Physical address
  - o Size of piles (please estimate length, width, and height)
  - o Choose one: "Yes please, pile chips on my property" **OR** "No thanks, please haul chips away"
6. The chipper contractor will come out to your property and the professional crew will chip the piled materials for free. NOTE: *The chipper contractor will not visit your site immediately – it may take as long as one month for the chipper contractor to respond. The more people in your area that have piles ready to go, the quicker the chipper contractor will respond.*
7. You may call in several times to have return visits if more work is done on the property.
8. The chipper will be available until **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**. Intermediate deadlines may be set up for your community to facilitate efficiency, please inquire with UCD or your community leaders for more info.

**General Firewise instructions, tips and suggestions:** *Underwood Conservation District is available to visit with you at your property to assess your own wildfire hazards and determine the most reasonable actions to reduce your overall wildfire risk. This Wildfire Hazard Home Assessment is a free service and can be scheduled by contacting UCD at 509-493-1936:*

- Maintain a 'clean, lean and green' area within a minimum of a 30' radius around your home/outbuilding.
- Remove wood brush next to structures or below trees.
- Limb trees up to 15' above the ground but no more than 50% of the total height of the tree.
- Rake pine/fir needles and leaves within 30' from structures, and clean all debris on, or below, decks and roofs. Please do not put the needles and leaves in the pile to be chipped; the chipper will plug.
- Remove brush and low lying limbs, and thin densely spaced trees along access roads/driveways.

**Do you need help cutting and piling woody debris for chipping?** The UCD Firewise Incentive Program is designed to help you with this work! Please call UCD at 509-493-1936 to learn more about this important opportunity now, while grant funding remains!

**Special Instructions, Terms and Conditions:**

- ✓ This program is only available to landowners and residents of Skamania County.
- ✓ This program is only available for the chipping of natural woody vegetative debris such as limbs, small diameter trees, and brush. Lumber, wood products, leaves, grass and herbaceous plants will not be chipped.
- ✓ This program is not intended for large scale commercial forestry projects – please inquire if you would like to learn more about technical and financial assistance programs for forestry projects.
- ✓ All natural woody vegetative debris to be chipped must be piled in a location that is accessible to a full size truck with a tow behind trailer, such as adjacent to the main roads and/or driveway, but not blocking any traffic.
- ✓ There is no limit to the amount of natural woody vegetative debris you can have chipped.
- ✓ Debris needs to be piled prior to the contractor crew’s scheduled arrival to your property (the crew will not wait while you cut and pile). NOTE: *UCD offers financial assistance with tree thinning, pruning, brush control and hazard tree removal through its Firewise Incentive Program. Call 509-493-1936 for more information.*
- ✓ When stacking the debris, all stems of trees, brush and limbs must point in the same direction with the cut ends toward the road (this makes the pile easier to pull apart and feed into the chipper).
- ✓ Individual cut pieces must not be larger than 5 inches in diameter. Anything larger will not be chipped and will be left on site.
- ✓ You must abide by any and all Fire Precaution Level restrictions regarding the use of chainsaws. (To find out about IFPL restrictions you may call 1-800-527-3305 and enter Zone 660, or go to: <http://fortress.wa.gov/dnr/ifpl/IFPL.aspx>). Individual requirements for chainsaw operations are as follows:
  - a. A shovel, fire extinguisher and 5 gallons of water must be in the immediate area where the saw is operating;
  - b. Saws may operate throughout the day in a level 1, and only until 1:00 PM on level 2 days.
- ✓ This is a free program, based on a first come, first served basis, and Underwood Conservation District and/or the hired private contractor reserves the right to refuse services at any time.
- ✓ The work to chip yard and forest debris on your property will be performed by a third party private contractor and the contractor is licensed to do business in the state of Washington.
- ✓ Underwood Conservation District will not be liable for any incidental or indirect damages, special or consequential damages whatsoever, arising out of the services described in this document and performed by a third party contractor.



**Sign up at 509-493-1936 to get the chipper to your address.  
Only forest debris will be chipped.**