

THE FACTS

- **CUSP** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- **CUSP** strives to reduce fire hazards by working cooperatively **with** property owners – we are **not** a contracted chipping service
- Scheduling priority will be given to community based projects or full day chipping projects
- The fee for service cost is **\$85.00** per hour to include **two** CUSP field staff
- Properly stacking your material ensures the most safe and efficient process. Saving **you** time and money
- **Additional field staff** will incur an added charge of **\$35.00** per hour, per staff member
 - **Nearly all** chipping projects will require just two CUSP field staff
 - If you think you may need additional crew, please contact us
- **Organize volunteers from your community or HOA.** Getting your neighbors involved helps to protect the whole community and makes the work easier for all
- Donations are very important for the future of this program and are tax deductible. **CUSP** appreciates any additional help you may be able to provide



**We are here to work with you,
Volunteer with **CUSP**
and lend a hand!**

CHIPPING HOURS OF OPERATION

Operating Months: April – November
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Phone: 719.748.0033
Fax: 719.302.2852
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Website: www.cusp.ws

CUSP SLASH SITES

www.divideslashsite.com
www.fairplayslash.com

More questions? Please go to our **FAQ's** on our website:

<http://cusp.ws/chipper-frequently-asked-questions/>

CUSP COALITION FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE



NEIGHBORHOOD FUELS REDUCTION PROGRAM

This program helps property owners and HOAs to manage their mitigated slash material within the Upper South Platte Watershed.

VISION

A healthy watershed now and in the future

MISSION

To protect the water quality and ecological health of the Upper South Platte Watershed, through cooperative efforts of the watershed stakeholders, with emphasis placed on community values and economic sustainability

BEFORE WE ARRIVE

- Schedule your chipping date. Go to our website; www.cusp.ws and put your chipping request through by following:

Programs > Forest Health > Chipping Services

After your request is submitted you will be contacted by one of our office staff within 5 business days

- **Keep track** of how many hours it took you to mitigate. This includes cutting, moving and stacking material, per person
- **Keep track** of how many acres you have treated
- Pile slash close to roads, driveways or an open field for easy access
- 12" maximum diameter material: small trees may be left whole
- **No roots, root wads, weeds, trash, foreign material or lumber of any kind! Make sure your trees don't have nails in them!**
- Pile slash with cut ends facing in one direction (*see pictures >>>)
- Piles should be laid in low rows no higher than 4' tall

Due to the many programs CUSP administers, advance scheduling is recommended, so call soon!

WHEN WE ARRIVE:

- Property owner or representative must be present. If you cannot be present please call the office
- Piles not meeting **CUSP** specifications will not be chipped
- Keep children and pets inside
- **Be available to help with the work** when physically possible
- Please have decided whether you would like your chips broadcasted (spread around) or piled. **CUSP** will not haul off chips for you
- Please have safety equipment available, including: eye and ear protection, long shirt and pants, gloves and sturdy boots
- **CUSP** may be able to provide minimal safety gear
- Please be prepared to advise us how many hours you spent mitigating and how much acreage you treated

To learn more about property management, fire and wildfire protection, please visit the following websites:

www.firewise.org

<http://csfs.colostate.edu>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land>

www.aboutchainsaws.com

*Example of a **PROPERLY STACKED** pile



*Example of an **IMPROPERLY STACKED** pile



*Example of a **mulch pile** after chipping



***Broadcasting** the chips leaves a thin layer of mulch on your forest floor