

NEIGHBORHOOD FUELS REDUCTION PROGRAM



Working with property owners and HOAs to manage mitigated slash material from property clean up.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ⇒ CUSP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
- ⇒ CUSP works to improve forest health by working with property owners, we are not a contracted chipping service and the program is not meant to supplement contractor work.
- ⇒ The fee for this service varies depending on the volunteer involvement and day of the week work is scheduled.
- ⇒ CUSP can work with you if you require financial assistance. Contact us to learn more.
- ⇒ Properly stacking slash piles makes the process safe and efficient, saving you money.
- ⇒ Donations are very important for the program and are tax deductible.

Gather your friends and neighbors!

Get that slash stacked!

Contact CUSP to schedule your chipper day.

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CUSP@cusp.ws**

Sign-up Form
<https://cusp.ws/forest-issues-2/chipper/>

Mailing Address

PO Box 726
Lake George, CO 80827

Physical address

40 Cherokee Ave
Lake George, CO 80827

BEFORE WE ARRIVE

- ⇒ Consult the Colorado State Forest Service website or a forester to determine what vegetation you should remove.
- ⇒ Fill out the Chipping Sign-Up Form <https://cusp.ws/forest-issues-2/chipper/>
- ⇒ Stack slash close to roads or another area where it is easily accessible.
- ⇒ Stack slash with cut ends all facing toward the road in piles no taller than four feet.
- ⇒ Keep track of how many hours you spend mitigating, including cutting, dragging, and stacking slash.
- ⇒ Keep track of how many acres you mitigate.

⇒ **No root balls, trash, rocks, lumber, decomposing logs, or pine needles**

WHEN WE ARRIVE

- ⇒ Property owner or representative must be present. If you are not able to be present, please contact the CUSP office.
- ⇒ Piles not meeting CUSP specifications will **not** be chipped.
- ⇒ Piles should be ready to be chipped, please do not add more slash to piles while we are chipping.
- ⇒ Be available to help load the chipper.
- ⇒ Wear eye protection, long sleeve shirt, pants, and sturdy shoes. CUSP will provide hard hats and hearing protection.
- ⇒ Have an estimate of how many hours you have worked and acres treated.

For information on meaningful mitigation visit the Colorado State Forest Service website:

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/protect-your-home-property-forest-from-wildfire/>

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/homeowners-landowners/>



Example of properly stacked pile



Example of improperly stacked pile



Decomposing wood, root balls, lumber, pine needles cannot be chipped.