



Coalition for the Upper South Platte

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Neighborhood Fuels Reduction Policies

Before signing up to participate in the Neighborhood Fuels Reduction Program offered by CUSP, please take a moment to review these policies and requirements:

1. Talk to your friends and neighbors about volunteering to help bring slash to the chipper. If you are signing up as an HOA or a neighborhood, **there must be at least 4 or half as many volunteers as there are properties, whichever is greater**. If you are signing up an individual property, there must be **at least 3 volunteers present**. Volunteers must be capable of following safety instructions and hauling and loading slash. If these volunteer requirements are not met, increased rates will apply:

Day of the week scheduled	With volunteer involvement	Without volunteer involvement
Mon.-Thurs.	\$95.00/hr	\$150.00/hr
Friday or Saturday	\$110.00/hr	\$175.00/hr

Property owner or representative must be present, if no one is present at the job site CUSP will not chip slash.

2. Payment to CUSP must be received within 30 days of project completion.
3. Slash to be chipped must be generated through 'meaningful' mitigation work, that means live and dead trees have been cut to create space between retained trees. Consult the Colorado State Forest Service or a forester to determine your mitigation plan.
4. Slash piles must be stacked with cut ends all facing toward the road in piles no taller than four feet. CUSP will not chip files that are not stacked correctly.
5. Dead sticks, decomposing logs, and pine needles picked up off the ground of your property will not be chipped. Slash must not include root balls, trash, lumber, or rocks.
6. When CUSP personnel arrive, all piles must be ready to chip. Please do not add to piles while CUSP personnel and volunteers are chipping.

7. Slash piles must be located on the side of the street or a similar location where the slash can easily be brought to the chipper. The CUSP chipper will not go off-road unless CUSP personnel have given prior consent to do so.
8. When chipping in neighborhoods and HOAs, all volunteers must be at the safety briefing in the morning and help chip all piles, **not just their own property**. The CUSP Neighborhood Chipping Program is designed to promote teamwork within communities with a goal of making the community more fire resilient over time.
9. Volunteers must wear eye protection, long sleeve shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes. CUSP will provide hard hats and hearing protection.
10. CUSP's chipping program is not meant to supplement contractor work. We are here to help you with slash generated through your mitigation efforts.
11. Keep track of how many acres and hours you spend mitigating, including cutting, dragging, and stacking slash.
12. Please complete the Chipping Sign Up Form – Individual Property Owner or Neighborhood/HOA