



DOOR-TO-DOOR CHIPPING PROGRAM

Green Mountain Falls & Chipita Park

July 12-13 2025



The Green Mountain Falls/Chipita Park Fire Department is helping property owners create **defensible space** by providing free chipping of tree branches.

Defensible space is an area around a home where flammable vegetation is reduced to slow the spread of wildfire between structures and the surrounding forest.

The Green Mountain Falls Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee offers FREE defensible space assessment. You can sign up for a FREE assessment when you register for chipping.

If you clear woody vegetation and stack it at the edge of the roadway, we'll chip it at no cost.

Chipping services are provided to property owners by registration only.

SIGN UP is required by emailing FMAC@gmfco.us no later than July 7.

Please ensure that your piles are ready to be chipped and visible prior to July 10.

Piles **MUST** be appropriately stacked according to the guidelines on the attached page. For the safety of our firefighters and equipment, inappropriate piles will not be chipped. Chipped material will be piled on the property. Disposal is the responsibility of the property owner.

This service is FREE to the community.

If you'd like to support the vital work of local volunteer firefighters, we gratefully accept donations to support their fundraising efforts. Make checks payable to: GMF CP FD.

NOTE:

Residents of Teller County who live outside of the GMF/Chipita Park Fire Protection District are encouraged to reach out to their local department to inquire about local chipping dates.



MATERIALS GUIDELINES

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Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 6 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire. Logs greater than 6 inches in diameter can be donated to local firewood programs. The following restrictions apply:

- No Willows: Willows help to slow the spread of fire, because they have high moisture content. Willows are also very fibrous, so they clog our chipping equipment.
- No cottonwood. Cottonwoods are important native trees that stabilize stream banks, take up storm water and serve as riparian wildlife habitat.
- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No shrubs, root wads, stumps, dirt or rocks; these damage our chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds, or bags of leaves.

Pile Guidelines

Piles must be stacked prior to your neighborhood's designated chipping dates. Chipping will take place Saturday or Sunday of your neighborhood's designated chipping weeks. Improperly stacked piles may not be identified or collected.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with large cut ends of branches facing road (see below).
- **Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road.**
- Maximum pile size is 5'X5'X5'. There is no limit on the number of piles.
- After crews remove your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.

- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.

