



FREE Teller County CHIPPING PROGRAM

2025

Protect Your Home from Wildfire



PARTICIPATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS NETCO:

(719) 687-1866

GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS:

(719) 684-2293

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES:

(719) 687-1389

DIVIDE:

(719) 687-8773

FLORISSANT:

(719) 748-3909

FOUR-MILE:

(719) 689-3417

CRIPPLE CREEK:

(719) 689-0240

VICTOR:

(719) 689-2284

Teller County and local Fire Departments are helping residents and property owners **create defensible space** by providing free chipping of tree branches. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it at the edge of the roadway. Logs greater than 6 inches in diameter may be donated to local fire-wood programs.

Cash donations accepted.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 6 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire. 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 items clog and 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 week (see reverse for schedule). Call your local fire department to get on the schedule so that our chipping crews can plan their routes for that week. Chipping will take place Saturday through Friday of your neighborhood's designated chipping weeks.

Improperly stacked piles may not be identified or chipped.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with the large cut ends of branches facing the road.
(see photos 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 that you may put out.
- 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.

Dial 911 for Emergencies!

PROPERLY STACKED PILE



IMPROPERLY STACKED PILE





CHIPPING PROGRAM

Service Areas and Schedule

NETCO.....May 4-9/June 8-13/Sept 15 - 19/Oct 27 - 31

DivideContact for scheduling

Florissant..... June 24-30/Sept 23-29

Mountain Communities...Contact for scheduling

Green Mountain Falls.....July 12-13/Sept 6-7

4-Mile.....June 13-15/August 8-10

Teller County.....July 14-25

Cripple Creek.....Contact for Scheduling

Victor VFD.....Contact for scheduling



DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is an area around a home where trees and other flammable vegetation are cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire toward a building. Defensible space creates a safe zone for firefighters to carry out their work, and it reduces the chance that a structure fire will move to the surrounding forest. Every home in Teller County should have defensible space. Check with your local fire department to see if free defensible space assessments of your property are available in your area.