



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

**Dial 911 for
Emergencies!**

FREE Teller County CHIPPING PROGRAM

Protect Your Home from Wildfire

2026



Teller County and local Fire Departments are helping residents and property owners create defensible space by providing free chipping of tree branches. **Cash donations accepted.**

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.

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 Fire Dept. 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.

Improperly stacked piles may not be identified or chipped.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with the large cut ends of branches facing the road.
- **Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road.**
- Maximum pile size is 5'X5'X5'. **There is a 15 pile limit on what you can put out per chipper date. Contact us if you will have more.**
- After crews chip your piles, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.

**PROPERLY
STACKED
PILE**



**IMPROPERLY
STACKED PILE**





CHIPPING PROGRAM

Service Areas and Schedule

NETCO...May 4-8/June 8-12/Sept 14 - 18/ Nov 2-6

Divide.....July 10-20/Aug 28-Sept 7

Florissant..... June 1-7/Aug 10-16/Oct 12-18

Mountain Communities..... Contact for scheduling

Green Mountain Falls.....June 13-14/Sept 12-13

4-Mile.....Contact for scheduling

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.