



Yosemite West Property &
Homeowners, Inc.
www.YosemiteWest.org

Chipping Program May 29 - 31, 2007

YWPHI is sponsoring the third annual spring chipping program in collaboration with the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council. A chipper and crew will come to Yosemite West for several days to chip all yard debris that property owners cut and pile at the curb.

The past two chipping programs were a huge success - chipping more than 30 tons of yard debris. These programs help our community reduce the amount of dead and downed wood on the ground, improve defensible space around structures, and reduce the amount of wood debris that goes on the community burn pile each year.

The chipping program is scheduled *after* Memorial Day so the chips are not blown on top of pine needles, and to enable those owners who only come on Memorial Day weekend to participate.

The chipping program is available to every property owner in Yosemite West and is not limited to YWPHI members. The cost of the chipping program is free to YWPHI members and \$25 per property for non-members. We encourage non-members to not only participate in the chipping program, but to also join YWPHI whose annual membership dues are \$25 per household. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this program to remove yard debris from your property. Property owners do not have to be present when the chipper comes.

You can make a difference in whether or not your home and community survive a wildland fire. Your actions will make it safer for the firefighters who risk their lives to protect your property.

The chips will be left on your property at the recommendation of the Mariposa County Fire Department. Chips reduce the growth of weeds and unnecessary seedlings, keep soil in place to prevent erosion, and decay slowly forming a nutrient-rich mulch.

Do's

- Gather dead and downed wood from ground
- Limb trees up to 15 feet above ground
- Remove branches within 10 feet of chimneys and roof
- Remove trees less than 6" at chest height
- Pile yard debris on your property near the curb in easily accessible piles by May 27th
- Hand pile brush and small-diameter branches with cut ends pointing in the same direction towards the street

To Sign Up for Chipping Program

Participation in the chipping program requires advanced sign up by May 15th.

For YWPHI members

➤ simply email chipping@yosemitewest.org with your local address or lot number/street name, or call John Mock (☎ 209-372-4325), chair of the YWPHI Fire Safety committee; the chipping program is free

For non-members

Choose one of the following two options:
➤ I/we want to participate in the chipping program and also join YWPHI for \$25
➤ I/we want to participate in the chipping program only for a fee of \$25 per property.

Complete the sign-up form and mail it with your check to YWPHI by May 15th. You can download the form at:
yosemitewest.org/signupchipping2007.pdf

Don'ts

- No yard debris in the street
- No rocks
- No dry pine needles or fallen pine cones
- No branch/tree greater than 8" in diameter in piles
- No machine-made or dozer-made piles

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