



BAY AREA
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DISTRICT

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

**Agricultural Waste Chipping Program
Wildfire Prevention Chipping Program**

Chipping Services Application Form

Send this form ONLY when your pile(s) are ready for chipping

1. Project Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ County: _____

Nearest Cross Street: _____ Assessor's Parcel #: _____ unknown

Are you the property owner? Yes No

Owner's name (if different): _____

Contact Phone (if different): _____

2. Program you are applying for (select one program & one project type):

Agricultural Waste Chipping Program (Agricultural operations only)

- select the project type below:

Orchard Pruning and Attrition

Crop Replacement

Range Management

OR

Wildfire Prevention Chipping Program

- select the project type below:

Hazardous Material

Wildland Vegetation Management

Forest Management

3. Material to be chipped:

Total cubic yards (estimated): _____ Total number of piles: _____

Where will the material be located? On Road Shoulder Next to Driveway Other

If "Other", specify location: _____

***Please make a note of locked gates. Do not obstruct any roadways, driveways or access routes with your material.**

Describe the material to be chipped: _____

Month and year the materials were cut and piled: _____

What is the largest diameter of woody material to be chipped? _____ inches

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Is the material to be chipped from an agricultural operation considered a “Small Business”, which is defined as a business with no more than 10 employees and gross annual income of no more than \$750,000?

Yes No I don't know

4. Verify the following items:

- Piles and material to be chipped conform to all requirements of the *Chipper Pile Guidelines* (attached)
- Piles are free of nesting birds
- Submit at least **one photo per pile** with this Application

5. Agreement

I confirm that the information in this application is true and accurate. I own or am the legal occupier of the property where chipping services will be performed, and hereby consent to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District), or the chipping contractor(s), entering my property for the purposes of arranging and performing the chipping services in connection with this program.

In consideration for receiving chipping services, I agree to comply with all Program Requirements, and, on my behalf and on behalf of my next of kin, heirs, and representatives, I release from all liability, and promise not to sue, the Air District or its officers, directors, participants, coordinators, or volunteers (“Sponsors”) for any losses or damages of any kind I may suffer because of my participation in this program. I also agree to indemnify and defend the Sponsors against any losses, damages, claims, or liabilities of any kind for any damages or injuries to the person or property of others arising out of my participation in this program.

Signature

Name (Printed)

Date

Submittal Instructions:

Please complete and return this form to the Air District electronically by email to: chipping@baaqmd.gov (Subject: Chipping Application). For questions regarding the Chipping programs, please call (415) 749-4600 or email chipping@baaqmd.gov.



BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL WASTE CHIPPING PROGRAM AND WILDFIRE PREVENTION CHIPPING PROGRAM

Chipper Pile Guidelines

Pile(s) must be prepared per these Chipper Pile Guidelines or they will not be chipped, and the chipping contractor is required to leave the material on your property. Applicants must submit a **photograph(s)** of their prepared pile(s) prior to approval to confirm it complies with these requirements. For questions about these Guidelines, please call (415) 749-4600.

Material allowed in your piles:

- Freshly cut materials chip are preferred to old, dry material. Piles that have been in place for a long period of time (e.g., a year or more) may not be chipped by the contractor due to safety concerns.
- The chipper can process material up to a maximum of 8 inches in diameter.

Prohibited materials in qualifying chipper piles:

- No root balls or stumps.
- No rocks, dirt or mud.
- No POISON OAK or wild berry vines.
- No weeds, Scotch or French Broom or gorse.
- No plastics, nails, wires or any metal pieces.
- No construction-type wood such as fence posts or 2x4s or treated lumber.
- No raking or piles of needles, leaves or grass.

(NOTE: In limited circumstances, piles containing prohibited materials may qualify for processing. Call the Air District for details at: (415) 749-4600.)

Stacking your piles:

- Do not make piles higher than 4 to 8 feet tall.
- Piles should be stacked loosely to give the contractor easy access to the pile.

Placement of piles:

Piles must be easily accessible to heavy equipment and placed on owner's property, off roadways and driveways, so that crews can work SAFELY without need for additional personnel, signage or road closure permits.

- Do not place piles where they might block roadways or access.
- Do not put piles within 10 feet of electrical power poles. The chipper and truck must be able to turn around to exit the site.
- Place piles within 5 feet of chipper access, preferably on the uphill side of the road or driveway.

Additional Guidelines:

- Hour limitations (i.e., the amount of time the chipper contractor may spend at any one property) may apply.
- You are responsible for following environmental regulations concerning vegetation removal. Contact state, local or municipal agencies for information that may apply to your property. If you find a federally listed protected species on your property, you need to contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at: (916) 414-6600 for technical assistance.

Agricultural Waste Chipping Program:

Materials to be chipped must be agricultural waste from one of the following three commercial agricultural operations, which must be pursued as a “gainful operation” (as defined by BAAQMD Regulation 5, Section 204):

- Orchard Pruning and Attrition - Periodic prunings and attrition losses from fruit trees (apple, cherry, olive, peach, apricot, etc.), nut trees (almonds, walnut, etc.), vineyards, and cane fruits (raspberry, blackberry, boysenberry, etc.);
- Crop Replacement - Material generated for the purpose of establishing an agricultural crop in a location that formally contained another type of agricultural crop (e.g., replace an orchard with a vineyard, or replace one variety of a crop with another variety of the same), or on previously uncultivated land (e.g., the clearing of natural vegetation on previously uncultivated land to establish a vineyard or orchard); or,
- Range Management - Material generated for the purpose of range management and grazing, including when necessary to maintain and continue the grazing of animals.

Wildfire Prevention Chipping Program:

Materials to be chipped must meet the requirements of one of the following three operations:

- Hazardous Material – Material removed for the purpose of the prevention or reduction of a fire or explosion hazard, including but not limited to, natural vegetation or other native growth cleared away to create or maintain a firebreak around any building or structure on a property;
- Forest Management – Material removed for the purpose of removing forest debris and for forest management. For the purposes of the Program, the term “forest” is defined as an area where the dominant vegetation form is described as a broadleaf deciduous, broadleaf evergreen, conifer, or mixed broadleaf-conifer forest; or
- Wildland Vegetation Management – Material or vegetation removed to achieve a specific natural resource management objective(s).