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Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Wildfire Prevention Chipping Pilot Program Requirements

- If I am not the property owner, it is my responsibility to obtain permission from the owner to conduct clearing activities.
- Any material requested to be chipped or processed 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).
- Materials chipped or processed must reduce fuel loads and/or fire risk on the property.
- Tree trunks and limbs that the chipping contractor determines are too large to be chipped (generally those over 8 inches in diameter) will be left on the property. The Air District requires that **photo(s)** of the pile(s) be submitted prior to approval.
- Scheduling will be determined by the contractor. The contractor will attempt to accommodate a schedule convenient for the applicant, yet it may not be possible to arrange for chipping on or before a specific date.
- The contractor has final authority to determine if a pile is suitable for chipping. I understand that if the pile is not stacked in accordance with the Air District’s [Chipper Pile Guidelines](#), it will not be chipped or processed.
- The chipping contractor will leave the chipped or processed material on the property, and off roadways and driveways.
- I will not make any attempt to load brush into the chipping machine, or assist the contractor with chipping in any way. I understand that all work will be halted should I attempt to do so.
- The Air District is not obligated to provide services under this program, and is not liable for its performance of services, or its failure to provide services, under this program.
- The Air District’s funds for this program services are limited. Therefore, the Air District may refuse to provide services.
- I am responsible for any environmental compliance issues that may arise in connection with the services provided by the Air District under this program, and agree to contact state, local, or municipal agencies for information that may apply to my chipping job.