

Trinity County Resource Conservation District

-- Free Chipping Offered for Fuels Reduction Projects --

TCRCD is offering *free* chipping for homeowners and landowners who are involved in fuels reduction projects.

Certain criteria must be met to qualify:

- **Due to limited funding this service will be limited to situations where active fuels reduction projects have been or are being conducted.**
- The project will provide chipping services to landowners in Trinity County who are implementing fuels reduction work adjacent to, or close to, National Forest lands of the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests.
- Branches must be stacked with all cut ends facing in the same direction. Piles not stacked in this manner cannot be chipped.
- Stacks may be no more than 4 feet high. Try to make them 4 feet wide and about 8 feet long. Ideally, stacks should be approximately 4x4x8.



Good Stacking



Unacceptable

- Stacks **must** be entirely free of nails, wire, rocks, roots and root wads, mud, poison oak, scotch broom, and berry vines.
- Stacks must be placed in an accessible area and situated so chipping equipment can be placed next to the cut ends of the branches. This expedites work and means more people can be served by the program.
- Unpaved driveways over 16% grade are inaccessible to the truck and chipper.

If you are unable to accomplish the work necessary to prepare for this free chipping service, the RCD may be able to provide a crew to perform thinning, limbing, moving and stacking of materials under a fee-for-service contract, plus travel time.

Remaining wood chips, which are not hauled away, make great mulch and ground cover to prevent erosion.

Please contact the TCRCD at (530) **623-6004** for a chipping request form or to receive more information. Further information is available at www.tcrcd.net.