

Discounted chipping available in Placer County

Placer County's chipper program continues to be available for local residents seeking to reduce their fire hazards and improve defensible space around structures.

Chipping rather than burning reduces the impact of smoke. Another benefit of chipping is that the woody material can be used for landscaping or ground cover.

The program, managed by the Placer County Resource Conservation District, is a low-cost curbside chipping service, supported in part by state and federal grants. The program also can assist qualified Placer County homeowners with financial or physical limitations to access the chipping program through fee waivers.

Under direction from the Board of Supervisors, the county worked with the resource conservation district to establish a reasonable and sustainable cost-share rate structure to keep the program running. The full cost of the chipper service is estimated at \$80 per hour. With the applicable cost-share rate, the minimum charge is \$40 for up to one hour of service.

The low-cost chipping service is available for Placer County residents who live west of Serene Lakes.

To arrange for chipping services or request information, call (530) 889.0111, ext 3. Follow the message prompts.