

HVLT-Firewise - Neighborhood Chipper Days Program



HVLT Firewise Team provides Homestead Valley Neighborhoods with the guidance, project assistance, best known methods, templates, access to and coordination with vetted external contractors, funding of County vetted contractor to chip/disperse stacked biomass ...all of which can dramatically improve defensible space around structures, improve wildfire resilience, and aesthetically transform neighborhoods ...HVLT-Firewise Neighborhood Chipper Days Program

Neighborhood Expectations:

- Commitments of 6-10+ neighbors to participate in Neighborhood Chipper Days
 - typical length of project = 4-5 weeks culminating in 1-2 days of chipping/dispersing
- Neighborhood self-appoints a Project Lead who:
 - acts a liaison between neighbors and HVLT-Firewise team & contractors
 - coordinates bid/quote process with external contractors, where appropriate
 - consolidates invoices/checks & tracks volunteer hours for MATCH \$\$\$ reporting
- Individual Neighbors improve defensible space around their structures using:
 - sweat equity and/or external contractors (self-selected or HVLT-Firewise referrals)
 - rule-of-thumb for impactful work-effort ~ \$500 (2-men, 1 day)

HVLT Firewise Team Expectations:

- Coordinate with/through Neighborhood Chipper Days Project-Lead
- Schedule/Conduct neighborhood assessment by parcel
 - highlight best-known-practices for optimizing defensible space around structures
 - include vetted external contractor to assess work-effort per bids/quotes
 - if necessary, schedule follow-up parcel assessments with SMFD (e.g., Scott Barnes)
- Coordinate with Project-Lead to distribute bids/quotes for parcel work-efforts
- Schedules and pays-for 1-2 days of 3-5 men Forster & Kroeger (F&K) chipping team
 - includes shrub/brush removal up to 10' from street – either side
 - project manages F&K chipping/dispersing of biomass

Chipping Expectations:

- biomass stacked along street just off asphalts (4-5 weeks in advance of chipping)
 - 4-6" in diameter; 4-6' in length; stacked neatly with cut ends facing street
 - free from metal objects (nails, wire, etc.); NO stumps, rocks, garbage bags
- chipping team disperses chipped biomass back onto parcels in 3"-5" layer of mulch
- NOTE: Neighborhood Debris Box Days can be used simultaneously for non-indigenous biomass

***Contact HVLT-Firewise Team if you are interested in organizing a Neighborhood Chipper Days
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