

CHIPPING EVENT GUIDELINES

Please read through these guidelines as any piles not following them will be left for homeowners to clean-up.

***It is important to note that the use of chipping event resources is limited to residents living within the neighbourhood that is hosting the event.**

- The preferred length is one to two and half metres, and a **maximum diameter of 13cm**.
- Piles **must** be placed 1.5 - 2m back from the edge of the road and must not obstruct any drainages or culverts.
- Piles **must not** be placed earlier than the indicated start date.
- The thickest end of branches should be **facing toward the road**.
- **Do not** include rotten wood, as it cannot be put through the chipper.
- Only tree and shrub materials will be chipped (no construction materials/treated wood, leaves, needles, or bark chips).
- Do your best to keep your piles tidy and easy to pull apart.
- Make multiple 1.0m wide piles rather than one huge one.
- Consider thinning the trees up to a 3m tree spacing, and limbing the branches up to 2m.
- Please keep in mind that chipping events are meant to facilitate the FireSmarting of Home Ignition Zones surrounding preexistent homes. Large-scale/lot clearing is not part of this program and should be taken to your nearest appropriate disposal facility.



HOME IGNITION ZONE

FireSmart Canada updated its Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) to better help residents reduce risk to their homes and properties. This version emphasizes the importance of reducing or removing the potential of structure ignition from an approaching wildland fire in the Immediate Zone, the most vulnerable area. As radiant heat is unlikely to ignite a structure at 30m and beyond, the HIZ focuses on reducing the opportunity for the spread of flames, and removal of points where embers can gather and ignite objects or buildings.

