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Montecito Fire Protection District

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Chipping Services

Montecito Fire Protection District

Chipping services will be provided to Montecito homeowners within the Tea Fire burn area.

The purpose of chipping services will be to assist homeowners in the removal of burned vegetation within the Tea Fire area only. These services are for burned vegetation only.

Chipping will be provided November 24-26, 2008, between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Additional chipping may be available in December depending on the need.

The following instructions outline how vegetation should be placed to allow our contractors to effectively chip your vegetation. Vegetation not stacked according to the enclosed instructions will not be chipped. The property owner will be responsible for disposal of the any material that cannot be chipped.

Instructions:

- Unburned vegetation will not be chipped.
- Cut vegetation must be laid in a pile along the street area and outside of the drivable roadway.
- The cut end of all vegetation must be facing the street so that contractors can easily handle material.
- Piles should be 4 feet by 4 feet. Long piles are OK as long as they are not over 4 feet in height.
- Pine needles or leaf litter will not be chipped.
- Do not tie or bundle vegetation.
- Piles that have rocks or other debris will not be chipped.
- Piles pushed or moved by mechanical means, i.e. backhoe or tractor will not be chipped.
- Do not cut up vegetation into smaller pieces. Leave it in longer lengths. It is much easier to chip.
- Branches must not be greater than 10" in diameter.
- Material in plastic bags will not be picked up.
- Exotic pest plants such as castor bean or pampas grass will not be chipped.

If you have questions contact: Jeff Saley or Curtis Vincent at 969-7762