

Agricultural Wood Waste Chipping Program

(for Orchard Full Tree Removal)

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CHIPPING PROGRAM: General Information & New Guidelines

General Information:

- The Regional District of Okanagan – Similkameen has provided chipping of orchard wood waste to Growers conducting orchard full tree removal since 2006 (excluding the costs of pulling and gathering the trees into piles)
- The chipping program helps keep our air clean. Burning orchard wood waste creates large amounts of wood smoke pollution. Wood Smoke contains over 100 known toxic substances including fine particulate resulting in public health effects, even at low concentrations

New Guidelines:

- Growers need to call or e-mail to Register. Call 250-490-4203, 1-877-610-3737 or e-mail info@rdos.bc.ca
- Growers participating in the chipping program will now be required to pay 25% of the estimated quote for chipping. All money will stay in the program allowing for more Growers to participate
- A Grower can decide if they would like to proceed with chipping of their orchard wood waste after they have received the FREE / NO-OBLIGATION on-site visit by the Chipping Contractor
- The Chipping Contractor will provide the Grower with an estimated quote of the chipping costs after completing the on-site visit
- Growers who register with the RDOS, are not under obligation to have their orchard wood waste chipped even after receiving the estimated quote
- When the chipping is completed, and if the actual chipping cost is lower than the estimated quote, the RDOS will reimburse the Grower the difference that the Grower paid on the Grower 25% estimated portion
- If the actual chipping cost is higher than the estimated quote, there is no extra charge to the Grower and the RDOS will absorb the difference, provided that there has been no change in the estimated quantity
- The 25% fee is not due at the time of Registration, but is due when the Grower submits the Application Form to the RDOS
- The Grower will receive a receipt from the RDOS for the amount paid, as the Grower can use this as a Farm Expense

Budget monies are limited, and it is advisable to register early.

Chipping Contractor reserves the right to refuse a chipping job.

As in previous years, Growers are responsible for arranging and for the costs of pulling and gathering trees into piles. Additionally, the chipped material remains the responsibility and property of the Grower.



Step 1: Registration

- Please **CALL or EMAIL THE RDOS TO REGISTER**, preferably before pulling or cutting down orchard trees

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- Registration is accepted year round
- After you register with the RDOS, the Chipping Contractor will contact you to set up a date and time for a FREE/No-Obligation on-site visit
- Chipping generally occurs during the: Spring Chipping Period (March through June) and during the Fall Chipping Period (September through December)

Spring chipping can be delayed due to seasonal road restrictions. For more information on Seasonal Road Restrictions, please contact BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure or visit the website at:

www.th.gov.bc.ca/bchighways/loadrestrictions/loadrestrictions.htm

PLEASE NOTE: Growers may still qualify for chipping if orchard trees have been removed prior to registering – Please follow the same steps listed below.

Details Required for Registration:

1. Number of acres of trees to be chipped.
2. Approximate number of trees to be chipped.
3. List of tree varieties to be chipped.
4. Approximate average trunk diameter of the trees to be chipped.
5. Are the trees high density or low density variety?
6. Are you salvaging any of the wood? If so, how many acres?
7. Are the trees presently excavated?
8. Are you applying to have your wood waste chipping in the Spring Chipping Period or the Fall Chipping Period?
9. Location details and address of the orchard to be chipped.
10. Your contact information.

After you register with the RDOS, your information will be forwarded to the Chipping Contractor who will then call you within a week (generally a day or two) to arrange for an on-site visit. This is to ensure that the equipment can access the property, to provide you details on excavation practices for chipping, to review what trees are to be chipped and to provide an estimated quote on the chipping costs.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CHIPPING PROGRAM:

Have ready the “Details Required for Registration” (above) and contact RDOS Solid Waste Management Coordinator, Cameron Baughen by phone: 250-490-4203 (toll free 1-877-610-3737 ext: 4203), by email at info@rdos.bc.ca or in person at the RDOS Office: 101 Martin St, Penticton, BC.



Step 2: Orchard On-Site Visit

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Step 2: CHIPPING CONTRACTOR WILL CONTACT GROWER TO ARRANGE FOR A FREE / NO OBLIGATION ON-SITE VISIT

- After Registering with the RDOS, the RDOS will forward your contact information and details to the Chipping Contractor
- The Chipping Contractor will contact you directly within a week (generally a day or two) to arrange a date and time for a FREE/ No-Obligation on-site visit
- For the on-site visit, the Grower or a representative must be available
- The Chipping Contractor will:
 - Review with you or your representative what trees are to be chipped
 - Ensure that the chipping equipment can access the property and can chip
 - Provide you with details on excavation practices for efficient and cost effective chipping (including removal and safe disposal of orchard surface materials. ie: treated posts must be separated, and cannot be chipped)
 - Discuss with you where to locate wood waste piles for chipping
 - Provide you with an estimate on the chipping cost
 - Provide you with a copy of the Chipping Program Application Form with the details of the on-site visit
 - Provide you a copy of the Agricultural Waste Disposal Best Practices Guide
 - Provide you a copy of the Agricultural Waste Disposal Video (if available)

PLEASE NOTE: Growers whose orchard trees have been removed will also receive a **FREE / NO OBLIGATION** on-site visit from the Chipping Contractor to determine access and if the wood waste can be chipped. The information listed above will also be provided.



Step 3: Submit the Chipping Application Form & Fee

Once the Chipping Contractor has completed your on-site visit, if you have decided you would like to receive funding from the RDOS to chip your wood waste:

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Step 3: SUBMIT THE CHIPPING APPLICATION FORM & FEE

- Please complete and submit the Chipping Program Application Form along with the 25% payment of the chipping estimate by mail or hand deliver the form along with your fee to the RDOS (if you are on a tight timeline, please hand deliver for faster service and we will do what we can do accommodate your schedule)
- The RDOS will provide you with a receipt so you can claim this as a Farm Expense

DO NOT DELAY IN SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT AS FUNDING IS LIMITED.

IMPORTANT: If after submitting the Chipping Program Application form, the Grower decides to increase or decrease the number of acres/trees to be chipped, a new estimated quote is required. The Grower must inform the RDOS and the Chipping Contractor of any changes well before their scheduled chipping date. The Grower may be required to fill out a new Chipping Application Form or may be just required to initial changes on their original submitted Chipping Application Form. The Grower's 25% fee will be adjusted according to the new estimated quote.



Step 4: Chipping

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Step 4: CHIPPING OF ORCHARD WOOD WASTE

- The Chipping Contractor will contact the applicant directly to arrange a date for chipping.
- When the chipping is completed, and if the actual chipping cost is lower than the estimated quote, the RDOS will reimburse the Grower the difference that the Grower paid on the Grower 25% estimated portion
- If the actual chipping cost is higher than the estimated quote, there is no extra charge to the Grower and the RDOS will absorb the difference, provided that there has been no change in the estimated quantity
- The Chipping Contractor may refuse to chip any portion of the waste not included in the quoted price or any contaminated wood waste piles.

Remove & Sort Surface Materials



All surface materials (wire, irrigation, treated posts) must be removed prior to excavation/pulling of trees

- Sort and separate surface materials for reuse/sale or to dispose of at your local landfill. (Many landfills recycle some of these materials and do not charge a tipping fee if materials are correctly prepared, sorted and not co-mingled. Contact your local landfill or the RDOS for details.)

NEVER BURN wire, treated posts, irrigation tubing or any plastics- this is not only illegal but toxic to human health and to our soils and water.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

"Agricultural Waste Disposal Best Practices" Guide and Videos available online at www.rdos.bc.ca (click on Departments >> Public Works >> Air Quality)

BC Agricultural Research and Development Corporation www.ardcorp.ca (administers the Canada - BC Environmental Farm Plan Program and Beneficial Management Practices Incentive Program)

For More Information please contact:

RDOS Solid Waste Management Coordinator: Cameron Baughen

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