

Skylake Chipping of Debris Piles

Many residents are making use of the debris chipping service provided by Skylake as they clean up their property. This service is to allow residents and property owners to recycle their natural wood debris as they clean up deadfall and pruned items on their property to cut down on fire hazards. This service is not for wholesale lot clearing, debris cut by tree service companies, or landscaping crews. Please follow the guidelines below regarding chipping:

1. Please keep pile size to 4'x4'x8' (roughly the size of a pickup truck bed). This will allow the maintenance staff to get to more piles each day. It is not fair to the entire community if they spend 2-3 hours at one site chipping.
2. The Skylake chipping service is for piles the homeowner, with minimal assistance, cuts and moves to the street. If you hire a tree or landscape service to clear brush, they are responsible for removing or chipping the debris.
3. Notify the office when you have a chip pile ready for removal.
4. Roadside chipping season will run from Nov 1 to April 30. Piles placed on the roadside out of chipping season are subject to a removal fee.

Place piles on the shoulder of the road or on the side of your driveway, it must be easily accessible for the tow behind chipper and service truck. Most Skylake driveways do not offer enough room to turn the chipper and truck around.

Only natural debris can be chipped: **NO** lumber, material with nails, furniture, or plastic will be accepted. No vines, they tangle up the chipper drum. No large stumps.

Logs, and limbs can be up to 12" in diameter and should be at least 3' long. Large short items get hung up in the chipper. Please do not place "twigs" in your piles, these can naturally decompose in your yard. If you can only pick up the debris as a handful (ie twigs 4-6" long) do not add this to your pile.

Place the pile in an area where the chips can be blown back onto your property, we do not have the means to blow them into a truck for hauling off.

Once you have a pile ready for chipping, please call the *office* so it can be placed on our schedule. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the office.

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