

Firewise Information for 2026
DISCOVERY WILDFIRE MITIGATION CHIPPING SCHEDULE

The Wildfire Mitigation Program of the Colorado Springs Fire Department has scheduled two Firewise pickup sessions for Discovery (**July 6-17** and **September 26 - October 9**). These will provide excellent opportunities to dispose of leftover debris from spring and summer cleanups, but please remember there are specific requirements for registration as well as limits on the girth and stacking of debris (below). NOTE: These are again two-week sessions...WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN THE CHIPPING WILL OCCUR DURING THESE SESSIONS. You must have your debris stacked curbside by 8:00 AM on the first Monday morning of the session(s) for which you register. Addresses not registered will not be picked up!

There are still a lot of trees and shrubs to be trimmed and thinned or eliminated -- as well as dead trees and bushes to be removed -- before we are as safe as possible from wildfire. For instance, there are many dead pine and aspen trees in Discovery and many of them are mature enough to hang over rooflines. Also, many neighborhood Juniper plants are now over 40 years old -- green outside but full of dead branches, resin and air on the inside. The CSFD commonly refers to these plants as "fire on a stick" and "blow torches!" They have asked us to encourage all Discovery homeowners to remove as many junipers as possible, with particular emphasis on those that are within 15' of our residences. If you have such junipers in close proximity to your home, please consider removing them! If you need help, please let us know (see below). If your junipers on a corner obscure the clear line of sight of oncoming traffic, they are violating the City Ordinance. Again, we can help you remove them or trim them back to improve those sight lines.

TAKE THEM OUT! Contact the administrator at admin@discoveryhoa.com or (719) 964-4122 if you would like FREE help trimming or removing them.

Please keep in mind the following Chipping Program criteria:

- Participants MUST attend a neighborhood or town hall meeting or have a FREE onsite consultation before their scheduled chipping period.
- Individual homeowners must register to participate EVERY year for EVERY chipping period offered in their neighborhood. To register: Visit www.coswildfireready.org/neighborhood-program, call 719-385-7342 or email csfdwildfiremitigationsectionsmb@coloradosprings.gov.

Guidelines for Chipping Piles

- Piles must be stacked curbside by 8:00 a.m. Monday morning on your designated chipping week
- Please limit pile size to 5'x5'x5'. There is no limit as to the number of piles along the curb
- Piles must be within 5 feet of the roadway
- Piles must be stacked neatly with cut ends facing the road
- CSFD will chip materials up to 9" in diameter; their equipment cannot accept larger debris, nor can it accept "root balls"
- Do not tie or band piles
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or haul in from other neighborhoods
- Visit www.coswildfireready.org/neighborhood-program for pictures of correct piles and updated guidelines

REMEMBER PILES STACKED INCORRECTLY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

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The Colorado Springs Fire Department attributes the success of the Wildfire Mitigation Program to the work that we all do to spread the word and support their efforts. Please ensure your neighbors are aware of this great opportunity to make their properties -- and all of Discovery -- more fire safe. Thank you!