



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

FREE Summit County CHIPPING PROGRAM

Protect Your Home From Wildfire

SUCCESS IN WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Summit County is recognized across the West as a leader in community wildfire protection. Local voters have approved mill levies that fund a variety of wildfire mitigation programs, including the Summit County Chipping Program, which launched in 2014.

Through the Chipping Program, thousands of Summit County residents and property owners have taken concrete steps to protect their homes from wildfire. Here are some highlights of our community's success:

MORE THAN

19,800 pickups
FROM OVER **7,500**
PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS



AND MORE THAN

54,000 cubic yards
WOODY MATERIALS COLLECTED



Summit County is helping residents and property owners **create defensible space** by providing free chipping and disposal for conifer and aspen branches, logs and small trees. If you clear this woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a pile, we'll chip it and haul it away for free.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 12 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire.

The following restrictions apply:

- No willows: Willows have high moisture content, so they help to slow the spread of fire. They also clog our chipping equipment because they are very fibrous.
- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No rotten wood, root wads, stumps, dirt, rocks, or shrubs: These items clog and damage our chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds or bags of leaves.

PILE GUIDELINES

Piles must be stacked by 8 a.m. on the Monday of your neighborhood's designated chipping week (see reverse for schedule), so that our chipping crews can record all pile locations and plan their routes for that week. Chipping and collection will take place throughout your designated week.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags); place trunks and branches perpendicular to the road, large ends facing the road, small ends facing your property.
- Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road or in drainage ditches.
- Viewed from the road, maximum pile size is 5 feet high, 5 feet wide; maximum length of individual trunks and branches is 10 feet.
- Maximum number of piles for each property is 10 piles.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.
- After crews have removed your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is an area around a home where trees and other flammable vegetation are cleared or thinned to slow the spread of wildfire toward the building. Defensible space creates a safe zone for firefighters to carry out their work, and it reduces the chance that a structure fire will move to the surrounding forest. Every home in Summit County should have defensible space.

To schedule a free defensible-space assessment of your property, contact:

- Summit Fire & EMS
wildland@summitfire.org
- Red, White & Blue Fire
mitigation@rwbfire.org

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Summer **2025**

For more information visit summitcountyco.gov/chipping



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2025 CHIPPING PROGRAM DATES AND SERVICE AREA LOCATIONS

NORTH AND CENTRAL SUMMIT COUNTY

Week 1 June 2-6

Frisco, Copper Mountain

Week 2 June 9-13

Silverthorne (east of Hwy. 9),
Ptarmigan, Dillon Valley,
Town of Dillon, Corinthian Hill

Week 3 June 16-20

Summerwood, Summit Cove,
Keystone, Montezuma

Week 4 June 23-27

Summit Sky Ranch,
Eagles Nest, Three Peaks

Week 5 June 30-July 3

All-properties-north
of Summit Sky Ranch

Week 6 July 7-11

Willowbrook, Willow Creek Highlands,
Ruby Ranch

Week 7 July 14-18

Sage Creek Canyon, South Forty,
Hamilton Creek, Angler Mountain
Ranch, Ponds at Blue River, Blue River
Run

Week 8 July 21-25

Silverthorne (west of Hwy. 9),
Mesa Cortina, Wildernest

SOUTHERN SUMMIT COUNTY

Week 1 June 2-6

Farmer's Korner, Gold Hill, Highland
Meadows, Tenmile Vista, Silver Shekel

Week 2 June 9-13

Airport Road, Peak 7

Week 3 June 16-20

Peak 8, Peak 9, Town of Breckenridge,
Western Sky Ranch, Moonstone

Week 4 June 23-27

Boreas, Baldy

Week 5 June 30-July 3

Warrior's Mark, Spruce Valley Road
(The Crown), Spruce Valley Ranch

Week 6 July 7-11

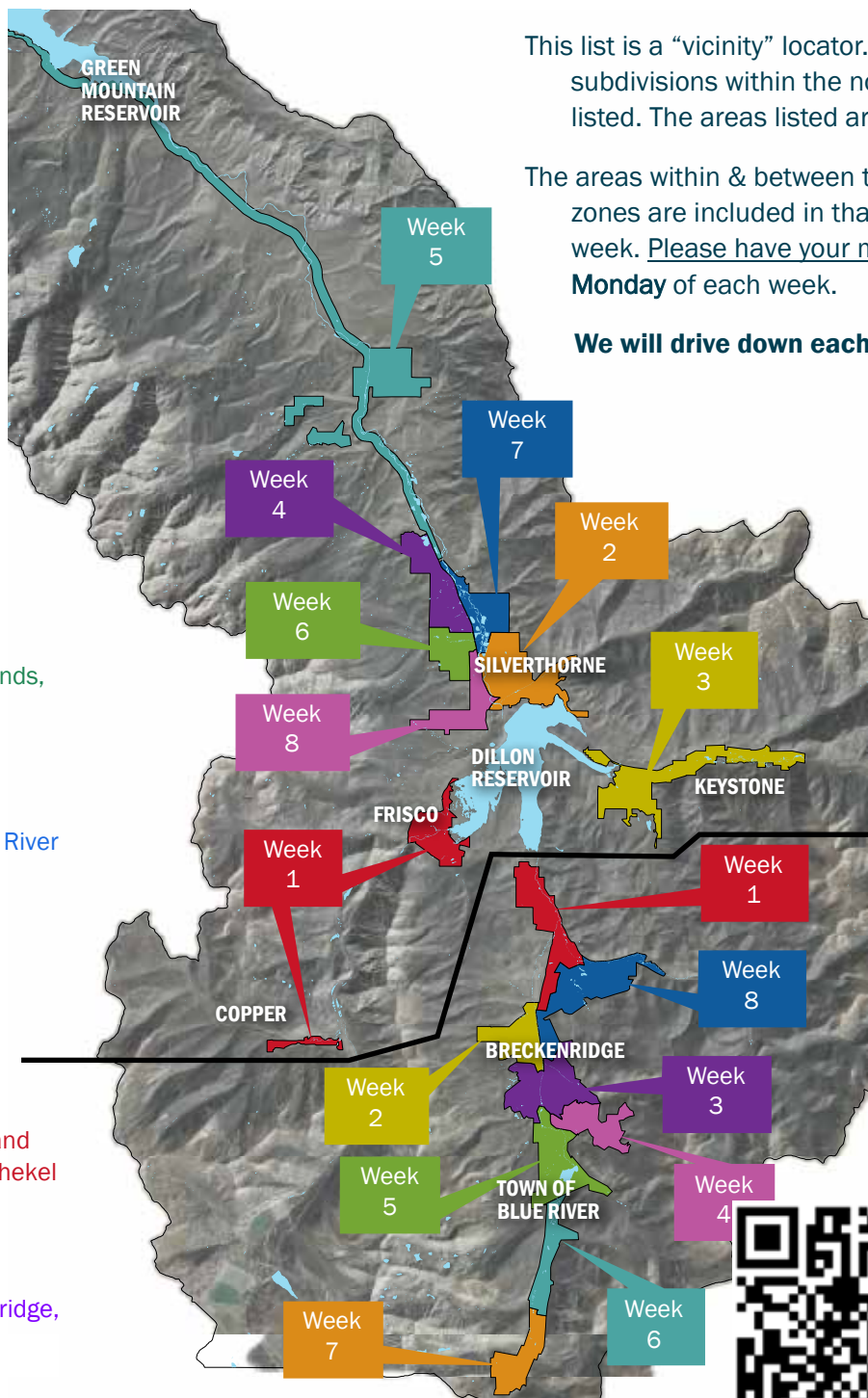
Town of Blue River vicinity

Week 7 July 14-18

Tordal Estates to Quandary

Week 8 July 21-25

Highlands, Summit Estates, Gilrose,
Swan River Valley



This list is a "vicinity" locator. Not all subdivisions within the noted areas are listed. The areas listed are "bookends".

The areas within & between the named zones are included in that service area week. Please have your material out Monday of each week.

We will drive down each road once.



Scan the QR Code
for complete
program details.

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