

Free Chipping Days: June 17-19th

In case you missed it: we will be offering **FREE chipping** to BHA members again this year, thanks to a grant from Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC).

IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE: please **have your pile ready and contact the office** with your name and site address by **Monday, June 3rd** – email us at bhaoffice@att.net or call (707) 279-0829. Please also confirm your email address so we can contact you if needed. A lottery will be held during the first week of June **ONLY** if there are more signups than we have funding to cover.

Chipping days for BHA have been scheduled for **June 17-19th**. You must follow these guidelines to ensure branch and brush piles are picked up:

Chipping Pile Dos

- Stack material next to the road so the chipping crew can easily reach the pile.
- Stack all chipping materials neatly and evenly with ends facing the road.
- Stack materials loosely so the branches/limbs can be pulled apart easily.
- Tree trunks and limbs must be smaller than 6 inches in diameter.
- Keep your piles under 4 feet high.
- Keep your piles less than 12 feet long.

Chipping Pile DON'Ts

- **IMPORTANT: No oleander or poison oak – these are toxic/harmful.**
- No palm fronds, Scotch broom, berry vines, or thorny material (e.g. roses).
- No construction materials, tree stumps, or rocks.
- No foreign material – wire, string, metal, etc.
- No roots – dirt/rocks in the roots damage machinery.
- No mud or dirt – do not drag your branches through mud or dirt.
- No bulldozed or machine-stacked piles.
- Do not cross-stack piles.
- Do not stack brush over existing vegetation or the roadway.