

CHIP & HAUL Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is Chip & Haul?

A. It was once called “Chipper Day”, and then it expanded to “Grinder Month”. From now on, we will simply refer to the event as “Chip & Haul”.

Q. Who is eligible to use Walker’s Chip & Haul?

A. Residents of Walker or their paid contractors. Walker residents include: Walker, Big Bug Mesa, Potato Patch, Millsite Village, Mountain Pine Acres, Mountain Glen 1 and those unassociated properties directly adjacent.

Q. Why does Walker need Chip & Haul?

A. Chip & Haul events are one aspect of a comprehensive Firewise Plan devised by Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) to help reduce wildfire potential in the Walker community.

The purpose is to offer a close-by location on certain predetermined days for individuals in Walker to bring forest wildfire fuel such as limbs, trees, and/or logs, for disposal. This material is called slash.

Q. When is Chip & Haul?

A. Many factors determine the scheduling of Chip & Haul event. They include availability of funds, availability of crews and chipping/grinding equipment and coordination with other agencies and organizations

Q. How will I be notified of Chip & Haul events?

A. Announcements will be found on www.walkerfirewise.org, www.walkerfire.org, community bulletin boards, signs, and email.

Q. How do I sign up to receive email notices?

A. Send an email to walkerfirewise@gmail.com.

Q. Where will this activity take place?

A. Walker Fire Department located at 4980 E. Walker Rd. unless otherwise announced.

Q. What is provided?

A. A chipper or grinder, a loader and a container, complete with a crew to operate the machinery.

Q. Why do I need to track my hours, mileage and expenses?

A. For a couple of reasons: Firewise USA requires documentation of community participation to retain status as a Firewise USA ® Community. Secondly, hours reported assist the Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC) justify its non-profit status. It is through PAWUIC that Walker Firewise obtains grants to assist homeowners to mitigate their Home Ignition Zones.

Q. What is the cost?

A. There are no costs to residents of Walker. Donations are crucial. Expenses are covered by donations and when available, grants. Equipment, operator, hauling, and disposal costs are dependent on the number of hours, fuel costs, number of roll-off units, tonnage, etc.

Q. What are the hours of operation?

A. You may drop off your slash at any time during the days of the event. Do not enter the area while grinding is being done, typically 8 am – 5 pm. Once the event ends, further dumping is illegal.

Q. May I bring pine needles and/or leaf litter to be disposed of?

A. Yes, however bags of needles must be emptied onto the slash pile. No plastic is allowed in the slash pile. Chips are recycled, contaminants destroy their usefulness.

Q. May I drop my stuff early, before chipper day?

A. No.

Q. How do I get my stuff to the chipper location?

A. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to move their stuff to the Chip & Haul location.

Q. I have no truck or trailer. Can I get assistance?

A. Depends. Often, various community members can assist. Contact Walker Firewise well in advance of the need. Contact any Walker Firewise Committee member or Phone 602-370-8020 (cell), email to walkerfirewise@gmail.com or FAX 928-445-0590.

Q. How do I volunteer to help on Chipper Day(s)?

A. Contact any Walker Firewise Committee member or Phone 602-370-8020, email to walkerfirewise@gmail.com or FAX 928-445-0590.

Q. What else should I know?

A. It is easy to become injured when working with slash. Protect yourself.

WEAR PROTECTION – EYE, EAR, HEAD, HAND – PROTECT YOUR BACK – KNOW YOUR LIMITS – STAY HYDRATED

Don'ts

Do not use string to tie bundles of brush together.

Do not place dirt and/or rocks in your brush piles.

Do not send or bring large stumps and/or roots balls.

Do not bring or send lumber, metal, pipes, etc.

Do not send or bring anything containing rocks, dirt and/or debris.

Do not deposit your garbage or any other trash into the roll-offs or onto the slash pile. These units are rented for the specific purpose of removing forest vegetation from our Walker forest floor. Trash contamination will increase the cost to dispose of a 40-yard unit of chips by \$400.00 or more!