



Calculating Your Chipper Rebate		
1A	Chipper Rental Days (number of days you paid for a chipper; use half day for 4 hours or less)	
1B	Contractor Chipper Days (round up to whole days)(number of days a <b>contractor</b> used his chipper on your property)	
1C	Total of 1A and 1B	
1D	Multiply 1C by \$100	\$
2A	Total Chipper Rental Price (what you paid a rental company)	\$
2B	Contractor Chipping Fees (price charged by contractor for chipping or labor costs if you hired someone to run a chipper you rented)	\$
2C	Total of 2A and 2B	\$
2D	Multiply 2C by 50% (.50)	\$
3	The lesser of 1D or 2D is your Chipper Rebate Request	\$

Please describe your fuels reduction work (defensible space, access fuels reduction, general thinning, limbing, etc.):

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Was this rebate an incentive for you to mitigate your property?      Circle:    **YES**            **NO**

If you circled “yes” please provide a few words in support of this rebate program to help us evaluate the demand for rebate funding in the future.

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Return this Rebate Application along with your invoice or receipt for contract work or chipper rental and photos to:

**Electronically:**

Melody Walters  
 970-903-2391  
[laplatafirewise@gmail.com](mailto:laplatafirewise@gmail.com)

**or via snail mail to:**

FireWise of Southwest Colorado  
 ATTN: Chipper Rebate Program  
 c/o SJMA, PO Box 2261,  
 Durango, CO 81302

Rebates will not be given without documentation of chipper expense. Your rebate can be expected within 30 days of completed application submittal.

For any questions regarding this application or other questions about wildfire prevention in SW Colorado, please contact [swcoloradofirewise@gmail.com](mailto:swcoloradofirewise@gmail.com), or 385-8909.

# FireWise Chipper Rental Rebate Program

## *Questions and Answers*

**Q: I rented a chipper last year. Can I apply for the rebate?**

A: No, your receipt must be dated after May 1, 2014 when this year's program was initiated.

**Q: I'm having a contractor come in to masticate several acres on my property and he's going to treat some old slash piles while he's here. Can I claim a portion of the cost?**

A: No. This program offers a rebate only when an actual chipper has been used.

**Q: I'm going to have my oak and shrubs mowed. Does this count as chipping?**

A: No. Unfortunately, mowing is actually mitigation work. This program offers a rebate only when an actual chipper has been used.

**Q: My neighbors and I are planning on buying a chipper that we will share. Can we get a rebate for part of the cost?**

A: While we recognize that purchase of a chipper may be cheaper and more effective in the long run, the rebate does not cover the purchase of equipment.

**Q: I didn't use a professional contractor, but I hired someone to run the chipper I rented for me. Can I claim their labor costs?**

A: Yes. You would claim the chipper rental days on Line 1A, the chipper rental costs on Line 2A, and the labor costs on Line 2B. Your rebate will be the lesser of 1D or 2D.

**Q: Our subdivision is planning on renting a chipper for resident's use. How do they apply for the rebate?**

A: The subdivision or HOA is entitled to the **lesser** of \$250/day or 50% of the cost up to \$1000. They can apply for the rebate and refund residents the appropriate portion or just charge the homeowner less to begin with. FireWise will not write checks to each individual that participated; it's one rebate per receipt or invoice.

**Q: I want to chip the piles I have from last year but will probably do more tree limbing later this summer. Can I get a rebate for both efforts?**

A: Due to our limited pot of money, the rebate is limited to one per household; however, you can turn in more than one receipt if you have your work done at different times.

**Q: I hired a contractor and it only took them a few hours to chip my slash piles. How should I calculate my rebate?**

A: Use the *Figuring Chipper Rebate* worksheet to determine which method is less. You may round up to whole days for contractor chipping services, but will always receive the **lesser** of 50% or \$100/day.

**Q: I rented a chipper for 3 hours. Can I get the rebate?**

A: You are eligible for the rebate for any amount of chipping as long as you were chipping slash from hazardous fuels mitigation work. Some rental companies will only charge you a partial day if you return the machine early. With less than 4 hours, your calculation is likely to follow the 50% rule rather than the \$100/day if the rental company only charged you for half a day.