

Pine Engraver Best Practices



The pine engraver (*Ips pini*) is a bark beetle that can (and does) cause lethal damage to pines in our area. These beetles love to infest fresh pine slash piles in the spring, where they build up their population before spreading to live, standing trees. **If you plan to cut pines this spring, please ensure you will be able to burn or chip your piles within 30 days.** Or, wait until Oct-Dec to create pine slash, so it can dry out over the winter. [Learn more here.](#)

Upcoming Events



FACT Community Potluck

Join us for a short film screening and conversation about Trout Lake's Firewise Action Plan! We'll provide chili; bring a side dish or dessert to share.

When: Mon., Apr. 8, 6:00 pm

Where: Trout Lake Grange

Contact Us

If you have questions or want to be added to our email list, please contact:

Sarah Allaben
sarah@mtadamsstewards.org
440-497-8224

Free Chipping Services this Spring

Last month's newsletter was [all about pile burning](#). However, burning is not the only way you can dispose of woody debris on your property. FACT, in collaboration with Mt. Adams Resource Stewards, is once again providing free mobile chipping services this spring! Here's what you need to know:

What should I cut? Check out [this site](#) to remind yourself of the principles of "defensible space." Particularly within a 30' radius of your home, the risk of ignition by wildfire can be substantially reduced by limbing up trees, clearing out downed woody debris and [ladder fuels](#), increasing the spacing between trees, and removing limbs that overhang structures. Need help? Reference the [Trout Lake Wildfire Mitigation Guide](#) for a list of local contractors and financial assistance programs. *If you will be cutting pine, please see the important note about pine bark beetles (left).*

How do I make piles? Neatness counts! See guidelines to the right.

How do I sign up? Sign up via [this form](#). And encourage your neighbors to do the same!

When will the chipper come?

Chipping this year will be scheduled according to geographic area within Trout Lake, and will occur during May and early June. See the attached map (or [click here for an online version](#)) to find your designated chipping week. There is some leniency with scheduling if needed, but please do your best to have your piles ready by your designated week.

Building Piles for Chipping

DO

- Pile along accessible road/driveway.
- Stack branches neatly with butt ends facing access road.
- Limit piles to 4' tall.
- Make a plan for how to use your wood chips, as they will not be removed.



DON'T

- DON'T include the following in your piles:
 - ⊗ Material larger than 8" in diameter or 10' in length.
 - ⊗ Dirt/rocks.
 - ⊗ Stumps/logs <36" long.
 - ⊗ Inorganics.
 - ⊗ Thin, vine-y material.
 - ⊗ Trees/shrubs with thorns (e.g., hawthorn).



Save the date! FACT Community Potluck

FACT has been working on a Trout Lake Community Action Plan to help us become a recognized "Firewise USA" site and to help guide the next 3-5 years of our wildfire risk reduction work. We want to share what we've been working on with you! Join us on April 8th, 6:00 pm at the Grange for a screening of the short film *Living With Wildfire*, followed by a presentation & discussion about our Firewise plan. We'll provide chili; bring a dish to share!



Chipping 2024 Schedule



Clarksville
May 20-26

Mt. Adams Hwy
May 13-19

North Sunnyside
May 13-19

Greenwood
May 20-26

Dean
May 27-June 2

Little Mountain
May 13-19

Jennings
June 10-15

Lava/Valley
June 3-9

**Stadelman/
Westside**
June 3-9

Warner
May 6-12

South Sunnyside
May 6-12

86 Road
June 10-15

South Valley
May 6-12