



FREE TO ALL RESIDENTS!

2023 BEAR JAW COMMUNITY CLEANUP

PROTECTING KACHINA VILLAGE, MOUNTAINAIRE, PINE DEL & MUNDS PARK

*Remove Green Waste, Reduce Hazardous Fuels & Meet Guidelines for a Firewise Community
~Cost Efficiently Increase Defensible Space~*

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

Help protect your home from wildfire with help from the Highlands and Pinewood Fire District Fuels Reduction Program

Bear Jaw Interagency Fires & Fuels is helping residents and property owners create defensible space by providing free pickup and disposal for branches, logs, small trees, leaves and pine needles. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it in a slash pile, then we'll chip it or haul it away at no cost. **We are only accepting up to fifteen (15) clear bags of green waste (pine needles and leaves) per property.** Thanks to Coconino County Public Works for accepting all this woody vegetation for free at the Willard Springs Transfer Station!

Green Waste Pickup Schedule

Please have all items available along the roadside by 7:30 a.m. on Mon., April 24!

- The crews will begin collection of bags at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023.
- Collection of larger slash piles will begin once all bags are collected.
- **There will only be one collection per street.**
- **Additional items will not be collected after the crew has collected along your street.**
- Brush and pine needle bag collection will occur from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily from April 24 until complete (est. Thursday, May 4). Cut brush and clear bagged pine needles may remain in front of your home until they can be collected during this timeframe.

Acceptable Bagged Green Waste Requirements

- Green waste (pine needles and leaves) will be accepted in **clear bags ONLY! Crews are not permitted to accept opaque or colored bags for safety reasons and to ensure proper environmental disposal.**
- **Up to fifteen (15) clear** 40- to 55-gallon bags of green waste will be accepted.
- Clear bags will be provided free of charge in early April 2023 and will be available at Highlands Fire Station # 23 & at the Pinewood Fire Station from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Acceptable Stacked Green Waste Requirements

- All stacked green waste (cut trimmings, etc.) must be stacked along the road with the cut ends towards the road to allow the crew to work safely. NO mechanical (tractor, bulldozer, etc.) stacked piles.
- Piles should be no higher than four (4) feet and placed within five (5) feet of the road edge.
- Tree trunks and limbs up to 6" in diameter and up to 5' long will be accepted. Larger items cannot be accepted due to the size limit of the chipper.
- Cut brush will be accepted unless prohibited below.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- NO Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, cacti, weeds, or items with thorns will be accepted. Items that do not meet the criteria will be left on site.
- NO household trash, construction waste, lumber, wood with nails/screws, rocks, or animal waste.

Fuel Reduction Tips

- Remove leaf/pine needle accumulation within at least 10 feet of your house.
- Cut down or thin trees to create defensible space on your property.
- Remove tall dry grass from the property surrounding your home.
- Remove leaves & pine needles from your gutters.
- Remove "Ladder Fuels" & prune tree limbs to 6 -10 feet above the ground.
- Prune excess growth from your bushes & shrubs regularly.

Willard Springs Open for Free Green Waste-Only Disposal on Fridays & Saturdays!!!

If you have extra bags (or colored bags) of green waste, then please note that the Willard Springs Green Waste Station is open for free green waste-only disposal on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. until the end of October. **The station no longer accepts bulk or household waste.** Willard Springs is located about 14 miles south of Flagstaff just west of Interstate 17 at Exit 326.

Disclaimer

Program Participant declares that he/she is the owner of the property or is his/her agent. Participant grants the Highlands Fire District, Pinewood Fire District and Bear Jaw Interagency Fire & Fuels permission to enter the property only for safety inspections, pile inspections, chipping services, and monitoring. Participants agree to waive and release all associated agencies, employees and governing boards from all liability arising from participation in this program.



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