



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



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FUELS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: District Board Members

FROM: Brad Chisholm, Fire Chief; Jessica Asher, Program Manager & Board Secretary

SUBJECT: Fuels Management Program – Update

BACKGROUND: The Board of Directors directed staff to provide progress reports regarding Fuels Management at its monthly meetings for items not otherwise addressed within the Board agenda. Information about the program can be found on the Department's Prevention website under the Wildfire Preparedness and Wildfire Prevention tabs. <https://www.ovpsd.org/ovfd/prevention>

DISCUSSION: Green Waste Programs – 2024

The PSD, Firewise Community, Friends of Olympic Valley (FoOV), and Palisades Tahoe are scheduled to host six Green Waste Days this summer at the East Parcel (Lot 4), across from the Fire Station. District staff will be working with our partners to publicize the events and will provide the labor and equipment expenses to clean-up and load the green waste into containers on the Monday following each event. The events will **LIKELY** be held on the second Sunday of each month, May – October, though we are waiting for confirmation from the Firewise Community volunteers and Palisades Tahoe at the time of finalizing this report.

The Placer County Chipper Program is a cost-share program, funded by Placer County and CALFIRE, that provides low-cost residential chipper service for Placer County residents, incentivizes fuels reduction, and promotes defensible space and fire prevention activities. For \$80 / hour, residents can utilize a crew that will chip and broadcast piled green waste. Last year six residential chipping service days were scheduled with Placer County from July through September, 2023. One property owner utilized this service. We believe this option has low interest due to the success of the Green Waste Days. The Department is proposing not scheduling specific chipping days this season, however, property owners will still be able to work directly with Placer for chipping services in 2024.

The Board is considering funding the Green Waste-Only Dumpster Rebate Program through June 30, 2025 at the March 26th Board Meeting. The program provides 100% reimbursement per property for renting a green waste-only dumpster for one-week from Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal (TTSD).

Staff is awaiting confirmation that Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal will host Green Waste Day in June in neighboring communities that our residents can utilize and that residents will continue to be allowed to drop-off up to six-yards of green waste material at the Eastern Regional Landfill for free.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: The District has been awarded \$685,911 in grant funding dedicated to planning and implementation of fuels management projects as summarized below.

Project	Grantor	Date Awarded	Funding	% Complete
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	CAL FIRE	Oct. 2021	\$31,898	100%
Fuels Reduction - OV-1 (120 acres)	CAL FIRE	Nov. 2022	\$539,888	30%
Fuels Reduction – Evacuation Corridor- O.V. Road (3 acres)	Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF)	July 2022	\$50,000	0%
	Trout Unlimited / Friends of Squaw Creek	Nov. 2021	\$19,000	100%
Design and Permitting OV-4 (100 acres)	TTCF / CAL FIRE	July 2023	\$45,125	10%

The District has an on-call contract with Danielle Bradfield (Registered Professional Forester and founder of Feather River Forestry) for grant writing and consulting services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000 annually. Staff spend a significant amount of time developing our Fuels Management Program and administering grant contracts.

Expenses related to the Green Waste Days (GWD) are paid from rates and the Garbage Fixed Asset Replacement Fund, the current balance of the Garbage FARF is approximately \$139,000. The costs estimated for this program include TTSD's delivery, pick-up, and disposal of three (3) 30-cubic yard containers per GWD, administration, and labor and expected to be approximately \$3,300/event if FoOV and the Firewise Community can provide volunteers on the six District-sponsored GWDs.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is informational only; no action is requested from the Board.

ATTACHMENTS: Green Waste Disposal Program Flyer

DATE PREPARED: March 21, 2024

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GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

Creating Defensible Space around your home is an important part of wildfire safety. These programs help Olympic Valley residents comply with Defensible Space requirements. If you have any questions, please contact us at (530) 583-4692 or info@ovpsd.org

Six-Yard Green-Waste-Only Dumpster Rental – 100% Reimbursement

- Delivered to property on Wednesday and retrieved full the following Wednesday
- To be eligible for reimbursement, place loose, green waste materials ONLY – do not put in bags or include ANY other material
- Purchase between May 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024. Call TTSD to order at (530) 583-7800
- One Rebate per Property per season for all Olympic Valley residents, including River Road
- FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED, the rebate program has a cap of \$10,000
- Your receipt must include Proof of Payment, Property Address, Payee Name, and Mailing Address
- Submit the receipt via email: info@ovpsd.org, mail: PO Box 2026 Olympic Valley CA 96146, or in person: 305 Olympic Valley Rd.

Green Waste Disposal Days

- Where: Empty lot across from the Olympic Valley Fire Department
- When: 9 AM – 4 PM | Sundays, June 9 | July 14 | August 11 | September 8 | October 13
- Open to residents of Olympic Valley and River Road only, please bring proof of residency
- Green Waste Only; NO Household Waste, NO Hazardous Materials; NO Green Waste mixed with other materials; NO Plastic Bags; NO Construction Debris; NO Dirt, Sod, Rocks
- Volunteers are needed to staff the gate and check materials, if interested please contact Andrew Lange at (530) 448-1892
- Program is sponsored by the Olympic Valley Public Service District & Fire Department, Friends of Olympic Valley, the Olympic Valley Firewise Community, and Palisades Tahoe
- Additionally, Olympic Valley Residents are welcome at the Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal sponsored Green Waste Day on June 17th in Tahoe City, Homewood and Tahoe Vista. For more information visit www.waste101.com or contact TTSD directly

Placer County Chipper Days

- For \$80/hour (min. 1 hour) residents can utilize a crew that will chip piled vegetation
- For more information, specific guidelines, and to request chipper service please call (530) 390-6680 or visit the Placer County website here: <https://placerrcd.org/projects/chipperprogram/>
- Placer County will electronically invoice homeowners after the work has been completed

Six-Yards Free at Cabin Creek

- Residents are allowed to drop off up to six-yards of green waste material to the Eastern Regional Landfill for free May 1 – October 31, Monday – Saturday 8am – 4pm, bring proof of residency