2022 Chipper Schedule

Have all vegetation ready by **Sunday night**, as the City crew will **only make one pass**, within the week of dates listed below (all streets within the perimeter of listed borders and street centerlines). Please refer to the table below and map for the scheduled chipper/pickup dates for your area.

The **Fire Fuel Chipper Program** and **Vegetation Debris Bin Program** will begin on Monday, June 6th and end on Friday, September 23rd.

To find out what area you are in, go to: [www.cityofberkeley.info/fire_fuel_program](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/fire_fuel_program), click on **ArcGIS Interactive Map** and type in your home address.

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**Areas & pass dates** | **Borders & street centerlines**
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1 | (1) JUN 6-10 (2) AUG 1-5 Spruce, Marin, Sunset to City limit (odds), Grizzly Peak (evens)
2 | (1) JUN 13-17 (2) AUG 8-12 Grizzly Peak to City limit (odds), Sunset (evens)
3 | (1) JUN 21-24* (2) AUG 15-19 Euclid, Rose, Shasta, (odds), Marin, Grizzly Peak (evens)
4 | (1) JUN 27-JUL 1 (2) AUG 22-26 Euclid, Cedar (odds), Shasta, Rose, UCB, Grizzly Peak (evens)
5 | (1) JUL 5-JUL 8* (2) AUG 29-SEP 2 Henry, Rose, Spruce, Cedar, Scenic, Hilgard, Euclid, Hearst to UCB (odds), Cedar @ La Vereda, Euclid & Eunice (evens)
6 | (1) JUL 11-15 (2) SEP 6-9* Sutter, Eunice (odds), Marin, Euclid (evens)
7 | (1) JUL 18-22 (2) SEP 12-16 Arlington, Marin (odds), Spruce (evens)
8 | (1) JUL 25-29 (2) SEP 19-23 North: Canyon, Piedmont, Dwight to end (odds), Bancroft (evens) South: Domingo, El Camino Real, Claremont to City limit (odds), The Uplands (evens)

*Holidays on June 20, July 4 and September 5.

The crew will chip branches and collect bagged vegetation placed on the side of the road.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAGGING VEGETATION

1. Free compostable plastic bags (only one roll per residence) may be picked up at the following four City of Berkeley Fire Stations and the City’s Corporation Yard.

   **IMPORTANT:** You must wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when visiting City facilities.

   **Station #2** - 2029 Berkeley Way  
   **Station #3** - 2710 Russell Street  
   **Station #4** - 1900 Marin Avenue  
   **Station #7** - 3000 Shasta Road  
   **Corporation Yard** - 1326 Allston Way

2. Loose vegetation must be put in compostable plastic bags and weigh less than 25 lbs.

   - **Use the free compostable plastic bags!**
   - Bag ALL Poison Oak.
   - **DO NOT** drag cut branches through poison oak or stack branches on areas with poison oak. Such branches will not be chipped or picked up.
   - **DO NOT** include: lumber, soil, rocks, concrete or garbage. Bag vegetation only.
   - Carefully inspect the area before pruning for active bird nests. Leave nests undisturbed and reschedule the vegetation cutting. Laws protect nests, eggs and birds.
   - Non-compostable bags will NOT be picked up. Bags must meet ASTM D-6400 Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STACKING VEGETATION

1. Have all vegetation ready by Sunday night for pickup any time during the week assigned to your area. Place all vegetation as close to the street as possible. Do not block fire hydrants. Avoid parking directly in front of the piles. Piles must be visible from street.

2. Make sure all brush set out for chipping is free of metal objects such as nails, or fencing. Metal objects run through a brush chipper could seriously injure the chipper operator and will damage the chipper.

3. Branches for chipping must be less than 5 inches in diameter. (Keep piles less than 4 feet high.) **DO NOT** include **any poison oak in brush piles.** Stack branches neatly, with all cut ends facing in the same direction as vehicle traffic travels. Piles from commercial pruning jobs will not be chipped.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PILING LOOSE VEGETATION

1. Keep ivy separated from other vegetation. Break apart piles of ivy or other vines and stack loosely (un-bagged) in a separate pile.

2. Keep Palm fronds and Bamboo shoots separated from other vegetation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESERVING A VEGETATION DEBRIS BIN

**These bins are to be used for large volume of vegetation only – no lumber, plastic, dirt, rocks, concrete or household trash.**

A limited number vegetation bins are available. All bins delivered are placed in the public right-of-way and are available for everyone in the neighborhood regardless of who ordered the bin.

1. To reserve a vegetation debris bin, call the Customer Service Center at 981-7270, between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Please be prepared with alternative dates, to permit effective scheduling.

2. Vegetation debris bins can hold up to 20 cubic yards and will be available for drop-off on Tuesday and Friday. Bins left by 5:00pm on Tuesday will be picked up by Noon on Friday. Bins left by 5:00pm on Friday will be picked up by Noon on Tuesday.

EXTRA PLANT DEBRIS INFO

Your regularly scheduled curbside plant debris pickup will still occur. If you have extra plant debris material for the weekly curbside pickup, pre-paid paper plant-debris bags are available at Ace Hardware, 2020 Milvia Street or the Berkeley Transfer Station at 1201 Second Street.

For more information, visit: [www.cityofberkeley.info/PlantDebris](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/PlantDebris)

Vegetation is only picked up at properties where a fire district surcharge was paid within the zero waste services fee on the tax bill. This does not apply to vacant land.

If you have any questions, please visit [www.cityofberkeley.info/fire_fuel_program](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/fire_fuel_program) or call Customer Service Center at 981-7270, between 8:30am - 4:30pm or email: trees@cityofberkeley.info

Thank you for your efforts to reduce fire hazards in our community!