NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Brush Chipping Program is planned to continue in April, Area 4 and in May, Area 5.

Essential Governmental Function
During these unprecedented times and the inability to know what restrictions will be in place in months to come, the Los Altos Hills County Fire District Board of Commissioners designated the Brush Chipping/Debris Removal Program as an Essential Governmental Function. Santa Clara County FireSafe Council was designated as the contractor necessary to carry out this Essential Governmental Function. The District believes Brush chipping and debris removal are foundational to the fire safety, prevention and protection of its residents. Aware of the pending drought, dangers of wildfire, initiatives of residents to maintain property hygiene and fuel mitigation, and desire to keep existing brush piles along roadsides chipped and removed, were some of the reasons the Commissioners balanced, in these unprecedented times, to make this policy. Services will only be performed with the consent of the contractors, staff and desire of residents in light of public health concerns in the upcoming months. Contractors are asked to comply with governmental orders and changes in the law while providing services. If after requesting brush chipping and debris removal services, you wish to cancel, please contact the Los Altos Hills County Fire District by email at CLERK@lahcfd.org or leave a message at 650-949-1044 or at Santa Clara County FireSafe Council at 408-975-9591.

It is important to note that the Brush chipping and debris removal program may be suspended or cancelled at any time by the District. The District will continue to evaluate what are its Essential Governmental Functions and to ensure that the District is in compliance with all local, County, State and Federal laws and direction for delivery of services.

Please note in preparing your brush piles: all cut brush must be stacked within 10 feet of your driveway or roadway on a level area so that crews can inspect, measure and tag the piles for contractor bidding for chipping and debris removal services. This is a new feature of the brush chipping program provided by Santa Clara County FireSafe Council.
https://sccfiresafe.org/

Thanks in advance for your assistance to have brush piles ready and available for inspection, tagging and bidding services by April 1 for Area 4 and, by May 1 for Area 5. The bidders will bid on the pile sizes that are measured and tagged. Once the brush piles are inspected, measured, and tagged, please do not add any further brush to the piles or create new piles.

We look forward to providing you with this no-cost brush chipping and debris removal service to make your home and property more defensible against a wildland fire by removing hazardous brush, tree limbs and vegetation.

Thank you for supporting fire safety efforts.
Los Altos Hills County Fire District