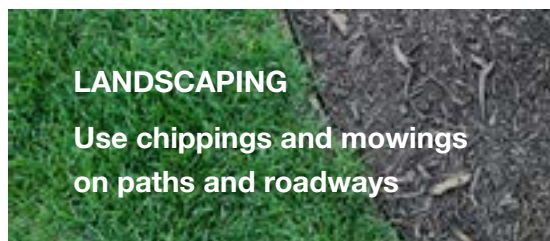


Mow It or Chip It. A Solution to Air Pollution.

Air pollution in the Central Okanagan is a growing concern, and we must all do what we can to keep our air clean

Mowing and chipping reduces air pollution, and it's good for the garden, too:



Better Air Quality = Better Health

Outdoor burning is an outdated method of disposal that causes air pollution. Studies have shown that the smoke contains harmful toxic chemicals and particles. Children and elderly people are most vulnerable, but we are all affected by air pollutants.

- Outdoor burning contains small particles (PM 2.5) and chemicals that affect your health.
- Particulate Matter (PM 2.5) is a known carcinogen.
- Particulate matter is associated with childhood respiratory disease, asthma attacks, emphysema, bronchitis, atherosclerosis, and decreased cardiovascular health.
- Particle pollutants infiltrate the most well-insulated and weather-proofed homes.

Mow it. Chip it. Get Rid of it.

Clean Air Alternatives to Open Burning

Learn more about burning alternatives and how you can improve air quality in your community:
rdco.com/airquality

Take advantage of a **FREE CHIPPING** or **REBATE** program when you chip or mow wood waste and help keep Okanagan air clean and smoke free.



Do You Qualify for Free Chipping or Rebate?

Program 1

Free Agricultural Chipping

If your property is 1 hectare or greater, you may qualify for a rebate or free agricultural chipping program. Funding is limited, and programs are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Which Program Do You Need?

1. **Free Agricultural Chipping Program: Four or more wood piles** approximately 3m width x 3m length x 2m height
2. **Mow/Chip/Rent-It Rebate: Less than four wood piles** sized 3m width x 3m large x 2m height

Don't Qualify? Don't Worry.

There are several alternatives to open air burning that help reduce pollution.

- Curbside yard waste pick up
- Landfill drop-off
- Air curtain burning

Save time and money with the free chipping program to chip wood waste (stumps and branches) from your orchard.

Steps of Program:

- Apply year round at rdco.com/airquality
- Prepare your trees as required
- A contractor will do a site visit and schedule chipping; generally March-June or September-December
- A grinder will be brought to your orchard
- After chipping, the piles will be measured by a surveyor, then chips can be used as mulch

Requirements:

- Property must be within Central Okanagan limits
- Land must be classified as agricultural
- Volume of wood must meet requirements
- The site must be accessible for the chipping equipment

For more information and access to online forms, visit rdco.com/airquality

Program 2

Mow It. Chip It. Get the Rebate.

The **Regional Air Quality Program** provides up to 80% of the cost of renting mow/chip equipment or services, up to \$500, to help residents of properties 1 hectare and larger easily and cleanly dispose of wood waste.

Get the Rebate in 3 Easy Steps



1. **Rent a 6 or 12" chipper or a flail mower** (several retailers and chippers available in the region). Or **hire a contractor** for the chipping service.
2. With your invoice handy, fill out the **online Mow/Chip/Rent-It Rebate form**.
3. If required information is completed in full, you will **receive a cheque for up to \$500** directly to your mailing address.

