



Office of the City Manager

May 21, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: *Dee* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Subject: 2020 Fire Fuel Chipper and Vegetation Debris Bin Programs
to begin June 1, 2020

This report provides City Council with information about the annual Fire Fuel Chipper (FFC) and Vegetation Debris Bin (VDB) programs that begins June 1, 2020.

These programs were created as part of a Fire Assessment District in 1992 (Berkeley City Ordinance 6129-N.S.) which funded fuel abatement and inspection programs in the Berkeley hills. Although the assessment district expired in 1997 following the passing of California Proposition 218 in 1996, the FFC and VDB programs funding was picked up by the Zero Waste Fund. This funding source remains in place today. The FY2020 FFC budget is currently \$173,000 and VDB budget is approximately \$10,000. The funding for these programs is offset by a Fire Surcharge that is part of the annual Alameda County assessments for refuse that is paid by and serves a limited number of residents in the Fire Surcharge Area (see attachment 1). The surcharge covers approximately \$130,000 of the annual \$180,000 expenditures.

These programs are offered from June 1st through mid-September. The Fire Fuel Chipper program is operated by the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department's Urban Forestry Unit. This program includes the use of an on-site chipper to dispose of vegetation that has been assembled by residents and left near the street. The Vegetation Debris Program, which is operated by Public Works' Zero Waste Division, offers delivery and pick-up of 30-cubic yard bins to neighborhoods that have a larger need for green waste disposal. Both programs allow residents identified in the Fire Surcharge Area to dispose of hazardous vegetation/fire fuels. Please see brochure (Attachment 2) that explains the details of each program and is mailed to every eligible resident annually.

Attachment 1: Council Resolution #66,600- N.S.

Attachment 2: 2020 Fire Fuel Chipper and Vegetation Debris Program Brochure

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RESOLUTION NO. 66,600–N.S.

INCREASING RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE
COLLECTION AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 66,205–N.S.

WHEREAS, the City is required by law, and in the interest of public health and resource conservation, to provide comprehensive waste management services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Refuse Fund is an enterprise fund for solid waste programs and services, and must generate revenue to meet its expenses; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2014, the City Council set a public hearing on May 20, 2014, to consider protests and increase residential and commercial refuse and recycling collection rates if there is no majority protest; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2014, in accordance with Resolution 65,235–N.S. Section Two. Ballot Notice: Imposing a New Assessment, the City mailed written protest forms to all record owners of identified parcels whose names and addresses appear on the last equalized secured property tax assessment roll in compliance with the required Proposition 218 majority protest process to increase residential and commercial refuse and recycling collection rates and authorize an annual inflator of the greater of the Bay Area Consumer Price Index or 3%; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 65,235–N.S. established that all written ballots must be submitted before the noticed public hearing is closed by a vote of the Council. The City Clerk shall not accept or consider any ballot that is received after the public hearing is closed even if postmarked prior to that time. The City Clerk, or deputy, shall begin tabulating written ballots immediately following the close of the public hearing. If, at the conclusion of the public hearing, cursory review of the protests received demonstrates that the number of ballots in opposition is manifestly less than one-half of the ballots returned, weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of the affected property, then the City Clerk may advise the City Council of the absence of a majority protest without tabulating the protests.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 12.32.050 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, garbage collection service is provided by the City, and all owners of premises and places in the City in or from which garbage is created, accumulated or produced shall use or cause to be used, and pay the fees charged for, the City's collection service; and the City Council adopts the service provisions, charges and fees set forth below.

Section 2. General Provisions:

- (a) Regular residential refuse collections shall be made only once each week.
- (b) Rates for additional weekly scheduled collections in excess of the maximum weekly frequency shown in the monthly rate tables shall be calculated by dividing the rate for the maximum frequency of collections for the size container used (including

carts, bins and roll-offs) by that number of collections, then multiplying that amount by the number of additional collections per week.

(c) Whenever refuse collection service is discontinued or cancelled prior to the end of the period for which the collection fees have been paid, a refund shall be made of that portion of the fees for the period subsequent to the discontinuance or cancellation of such service; provided, however, that no refund of less than one month's fee shall be made. Requests for such refunds shall be processed administratively under such rules and regulations therefore as shall be prescribed by the City Manager. Refunds may be granted as herein authorized only upon the written approval of the City Manager or her/his designee.

(d) For purposes of this resolution, the term "commercial" includes multi-family dwellings with 5 or more units.

Section 3. Cans and Carts: for citywide refuse collected and removed in cans or carts, the provisions, rates and charges shall be as follows:

(a) The monthly rates for residential cans or carts shall be:

Container Size	Number of Collections Per Week						
	1X	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X	7X
13 Gallon	\$15.04	\$31.59	\$47.22	\$63.98	\$80.21	\$107.97	\$125.95
20 Gallon	\$23.10	\$48.42	\$72.67	\$101.52	\$132.61	\$163.11	\$193.79
32 Gallon	\$36.98	\$77.58	\$116.27	\$162.42	\$212.25	\$265.72	\$310.04
45 Gallon	\$51.92	\$109.00	\$163.49	\$228.39	\$299.48	\$373.70	\$455.00
64 Gallon	\$73.88	\$155.08	\$232.91	\$324.80	\$424.47	\$531.52	\$620.05
96 Gallon	\$110.71	\$232.51	\$348.78	\$487.20	\$636.66	\$797.24	\$960.09

The monthly rates for commercial cans or carts shall be:

Container Size	Number of Collections Per Week						
	1X	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X	7X
13 Gallon	\$12.38	\$25.89	\$38.92	\$54.28	\$70.87	\$89.75	\$108.58
20 Gallon	\$18.93	\$39.80	\$59.74	\$83.45	\$109.02	\$136.54	\$159.29
32 Gallon	\$30.36	\$63.74	\$95.57	\$133.51	\$174.47	\$218.42	\$254.85
45 Gallon	\$42.68	\$89.60	\$134.39	\$187.78	\$245.35	\$307.18	\$358.38
64 Gallon	\$60.69	\$127.46	\$191.12	\$265.88	\$348.91	\$436.90	\$509.69
96 Gallon	\$91.00	\$191.12	\$285.69	\$400.47	\$523.32	\$655.32	\$764.52

(b) New refuse service will only be provided for 20 gallon, 32 gallon and 64 gallon containers. No new or replacement 13 gallon containers will be provided. Service will continue for existing containers.

(c) No more than two 96 gallon containers will be provided for multi-family accounts for garbage, unless there is inadequate space for a roll off container.

(d) There shall be a surcharge of 100% of the otherwise applicable base refuse collection charge for residential customers who request service on their property, except for provisions made for eligible elderly and disabled customers. For purposes of subdivision (d) and (e) of this section, "residential customers" are those who have 5 or fewer refuse containers, containing in aggregate less than one cubic yard of refuse, picked up per week.

(e) There shall be a surcharge of 20% of the otherwise applicable base refuse collection fee for commercial customers who request refuse collection service on their property. For commercial customers who request collection of recycling or organics carts or cans on their property, there shall be a surcharge of \$10.24 per container per month.

(f) Where a can is located up or down a flight of stairs (for this purpose: a flight of stairs is at least 10 steps): there shall be a monthly surcharge for each flight of stairs of \$5.22 per can multiplied by the number of service pickups per week.

(g) When a cart is not at the curb, there shall be a monthly surcharge for each additional 20 feet or portion thereof of \$3.94 per cart multiplied by the number of service pickups per week.

Section 4. Fire Surcharge: for fire fuel collection and removal, there shall be a surcharge to the otherwise applicable monthly refuse service rate for customers in the Fire Surcharge Area, as defined in Exhibit A, as follows:

Container Size	Number of Collections Per Week						
	1X	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X	7X
13 Gallon	\$0.67	\$1.32	\$2.10	\$2.94	\$3.82	\$4.81	\$5.57
20 Gallon	\$1.03	\$2.08	\$3.11	\$4.41	\$5.71	\$7.00	\$8.30
32 Gallon	\$1.57	\$3.13	\$4.96	\$6.91	\$9.03	\$11.29	\$13.15
45 Gallon	\$2.24	\$4.47	\$7.02	\$9.81	\$12.84	\$16.06	\$18.77
64 Gallon	\$3.13	\$6.28	\$9.89	\$13.80	\$18.05	\$22.58	\$26.34
96 Gallon	\$4.72	\$9.41	\$14.85	\$20.69	\$27.05	\$33.87	\$39.50

Section 5. Refuse Bins The provisions, rates and charges for front- and rear-loading refuse bins that are mechanically picked up and emptied by the collection vehicles shall be as follows:

(a) The monthly rates for refuse bins shall be as follows:

Capacity in Cubic Yards	Monthly Maint. Rate	Service Collection Charge Based on Number of Collections Per Week							
		1X	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X	7X	8X
1	\$22.73	\$124.27	\$260.97	\$391.48	\$546.84	\$714.60	\$894.79	\$1,043.93	\$1,242.77
1.5	\$25.44	\$186.42	\$391.48	\$587.20	\$820.22	\$1,071.88	\$1,342.20	\$1,565.91	\$1,864.16
2	\$28.30	\$248.58	\$521.98	\$782.94	\$1,093.62	\$1,429.17	\$1,789.59	\$2,087.85	
3	\$34.02	\$372.83	\$782.94	\$1,174.43	\$1,640.48	\$2,143.80	\$2,684.39	\$3,131.77	
4	\$50.89	\$497.11	\$1,043.93	\$1,565.91	\$2,187.28	\$2,858.37	\$3,579.19	\$4,175.71	
5	\$50.89	\$621.38	\$1,304.91	\$1,957.38	\$2,734.10	\$3,572.98	\$4,473.97	\$5,219.64	
6	\$56.31	\$745.65	\$1,565.91	\$2,348.85	\$3,280.90	\$4,287.55	\$5,368.76	\$6,263.56	

(b) No new 1.5 yard bin service will be provided.

(c) Bin cleaning, special 1-time pickup, short-term (4 consecutive days including delivery and removal days) rental rates, and additional charges will be as follows:

Capacity in Cubic Yards	Cleaning Rate	Special Pick-Up Rate (1-time)	Short-Term Service Rate
1	\$90	\$46	
1.5	\$90	\$57	
2	\$90	\$67	\$96
3	\$90	\$91	\$116
4	\$90	\$108	\$146
5	\$90	\$133	\$166
6	\$90	\$153	\$185

For bins left over 4 days there shall be an additional charge of \$17.92 per day, for no more than 2 additional days. For bins left over 6 days, the service will be considered a "new" service and a new full short-term rate will be charged in addition to the original and extra day.

(d) For bins not located at the curb there shall be a monthly surcharge for refuse of 10%, and for recycling of \$11.06 per bin multiplied by the number of service pickups per week.

(e) There shall be a surcharge of 20% of the applicable base rate where access to refuse bins is difficult, where moving the bin is dangerous due to narrow gateway, narrow passage or extreme slope, or where there is unusually high exposure to liability.

Section 6. Roll-off Containers: The provisions, rates and charges for roll-off containers, shall be as follows:

(a) The monthly rates for roll-off containers shall be as follows:

Capacity in Cubic Yards	Monthly Maint. Rate	Service Collection Charge Based on Number of Collections Per Week						
		1X	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X	7X
6	\$76.88	\$946.08	\$1,993.64	\$2,987.90	\$4,174.87	\$5,453.05	\$6,827.59	\$7,970.48
12	\$125.06	\$1,897.28	\$3,980.11	\$5,974.76	\$8,347.68	\$10,909.18	\$13,660.28	\$15,940.96
14	\$143.50	\$2,213.00	\$4,646.70	\$6,971.09	\$9,738.62	\$12,724.48	\$15,933.78	\$18,589.58
15	\$150.68	\$2,372.90	\$4,924.62	\$7,475.40	\$10,442.80	\$13,649.03	\$17,090.92	\$19,937.47
16	\$158.88	\$2,528.70	\$5,313.65	\$7,970.48	\$11,127.51	\$14,544.89	\$18,211.35	\$21,244.36
20	\$177.33	\$2,808.53	\$6,641.04	\$9,960.02	\$13,910.41	\$18,179.58	\$22,762.40	\$26,555.96
25	\$179.38	\$3,105.78	\$8,298.48	\$12,449.77	\$17,389.00	\$22,722.42	\$28,456.33	\$33,195.98
30	\$183.48	\$3,419.43	\$9,960.02	\$14,938.50	\$20,665.11	\$27,268.34	\$34,147.19	\$39,832.92

(b) There shall be a monthly surcharge of \$43.87 multiplied by the number of service pickups per week where extra handling (spinning) of roll-off containers, or where reloading of a container onto a truck is required.

(c) For short-term (4 consecutive days including delivery and removal) rental of roll-off containers, the service rates and additional charges will be as follows:

Capacity in Cubic Yards	Short-Term Service Rate
(dirt) 6	\$538
12	\$373
14	\$436
16	\$498
20	\$565
30	\$672

For containers left over 4 days there shall be an additional charge of \$17.50 per day for no more than 2 additional days. For containers left over 6 days the service will be considered a "new" service and a new full short term rate shall be charged in addition to the original and extra day charges.

Section 7. Other Special Provisions & Collection Services, Rates & Charges:

(a) For compaction-filled refuse bins and roll-off containers the regular service collection and pick-up rates and charges set forth for these containers will be tripled.

(b) For weekly collection of wheeled carts, bins, or roll-offs filled exclusively with food waste and other compostable material from commercial refuse customers, the fee will be 80% of the fee for comparable refuse service. For reasons of worker safety, cans may not be used for food waste and other compostable material due to weight. The Recycling Operations Supervisor may approve or deny commercial collection of food waste, plant debris, and other compostable materials.

(c) The additional charge for regularly scheduled collection of additional refuse cans or carts shall be \$5.22 for each additional can or cart with up to 45-gallon capacity, and \$10.49 for each additional 64- or 96-gallon cart. Pre-paid bags will be collected at no

additional charge, and can be purchased at locations established by the Public Works Director. For reasons of worker safety and ready identification of items to be disposed, only bags procured from the City or containers provided by the City will be picked up.

(d) : Customers may use pre-paid bags or tags, or additional carts provided by the City for additional regularly scheduled collection. Extra materials will be removed only during regularly scheduled service. Pre-paid bags and tags can be purchased at locations established by the Public Works Director. For reasons of worker safety and ready identification of items to be disposed, only bags, tags, and containers procured from the City will be picked up.

(e) For collection of pre-paid bags from residential customers at times other than during regularly scheduled service, or from locations not scheduled for service, the charge shall be \$20.99 for collection of the first bag and no charge for additional bags. Pre-paid bags can be purchased at locations established by the Public Works Director. For reasons of worker safety and ready identification of items to be disposed, only bags procured from the City or containers provided by the City will be picked up.

(f) For collection from commercial customers at times other than during regularly scheduled service, or from locations not scheduled for service, the charge shall be \$24.21 for the first can or cart, and \$5.22 for each additional can or cart with a capacity of up to 45 gallons and \$10.49 for each additional 64- or 96-gallon cart. For reasons of worker safety and efficiency, only cans or City provided carts will be picked up.

(g) For commercial recycling at times other than during regularly scheduled service, or from locations not scheduled for service the charge shall be \$11.06 per call. For reasons of worker safety and efficiency, containers used for pickup must be provided by the City.

(h) The prices for optional extra pre-paid bags, tags, and carts shall be:

Prepaid Residential Refuse Bag	\$5.73 each
Prepaid Residential Plant Debris Bag	\$2.30 each
Prepaid Residential Plant Debris Tag for 1 extra bundle	\$1.33 each
Additional Plant Debris Cart	\$13.60 per month

(i) A fee of \$33.27 per cubic yard shall be charged for collection of refuse in excess of 3 cubic yards set out in front of the property on the scheduled Annual Bulky Pickup Day. Refuse in excess of 3 cubic yards left at the edge of the right-of-way on the scheduled Bulky Pickup Day constitutes authorization for the City to provide services to remove the refuse, at the above per-yard rate.

(j) There shall be a charge of \$33.79 per month, multiplied by the number of service pickups per week for handling customer keys and codes to access containers. There is no charge for use of the standard key recommended by the Solid Waste Management Division.

(k) The charge for replacement of a solid waste cart that was maliciously or willfully destroyed, or for which reasonable care was not used in securing or maintaining the cart, shall be \$55.29.

Section 8. Agreements: The City Council may authorize agreements with the Berkeley Unified School District, the University of California, or any other governmental agency or special district for collection and disposal of refuse, recycling, and organic materials upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an annual inflator on all residential and commercial rates and charges to be the greater of the Bay Area Consumer Price Index or 3% is authorized through Fiscal Year 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 66,205–N.S. is hereby rescinded effective July 1, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on May 20, 2014 by the following vote:

Ayes: Anderson, Arreguin, Capitelli, Maio, Moore, Wengraf, Wozniak and Bates.

Noes: None.

Absent: Worthington.



Tom Bates, Mayor

Attest: 

Mark Numainville, CMC, City Clerk

FIRE SURCHARGE AREA

The Fire Surcharge Area is all of that area within the City of Berkeley that is east of the line beginning at a point on the northern boundary line of the City of Berkeley 100 feet west of the western line of Arlington Avenue, and running thence southerly parallel to the western line of Arlington Avenue to the northern line of The Circle; thence southerly across the Circle to the intersection of the southern line thereof with the center line of Fountain Walk; thence southerly along the center line of Fountain Walk to the northern line of Del Norte Street to a point on the southern line thereof, distant 100 feet at right angles easterly from the northern extension of the eastern line of Sutter Street; thence southerly parallel to the eastern line of Sutter Street to the northern line of Eunice Street; thence southerly across Eunice Street to a point on the southern line thereof, distant 100 feet east of the eastern line of Henry Street; thence southerly parallel to the eastern line of Henry Street to a point 100 feet north of the northern line of Rose Street; thence easterly parallel to the northern line of Rose Street to a point 100 feet east of the eastern line of Spruce Street, thence southerly parallel to the eastern line of Spruce Street to a point 100 feet north of the northern line of Cedar Street; thence easterly parallel to the northern line of Cedar Street to a point 100 feet east of the northern extension of the eastern line of Scenic Avenue, as located south of Cedar Street; thence southerly parallel to said extension of Scenic Avenue and parallel to Scenic Avenue to a point 100 feet north of the northern line of Hilgard Avenue; thence easterly parallel to the northern line of Hilgard Avenue to a point 100 feet west of the western line of Euclid Avenue; thence southerly parallel to the western line of Euclid Avenue to the northern line of Hearst Avenue; thence southerly in a straight line to a point on the southern line of the grounds of the University of California, distant 100 feet east of the eastern line of College Avenue; thence southerly parallel to the eastern line of College Avenue to a point 100 feet north of the northern line of Bancroft Way; thence easterly parallel to the northern line of Bancroft Way to a point 100 feet west of the western line of Piedmont Avenue; thence southerly parallel to the western line of Piedmont Avenue to the center line of Dwight Way; thence easterly along the center line of Dwight Way and along its eastern extension to the eastern boundary line of the City of Berkeley; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of the City of Berkeley to the southern line of Russell Street; thence southerly along the western line of Domingo Avenue to a point 100 feet west of the western line of El Camino Real; thence southerly parallel to the western line of El Camino Real to the center line of The Uplands; thence westerly along the center line of the Uplands to a point 100 feet east of the eastern line of Claremont Avenue; thence southerly parallel to the eastern line of Claremont Avenue to the southern line of the City of Berkeley.

2020 Chipper Schedule

The City crew will make two passes on each street to chip branches and collect bagged vegetation placed on the side of the road. Please refer to the table below and map for the scheduled chipper / pickup dates for your area.

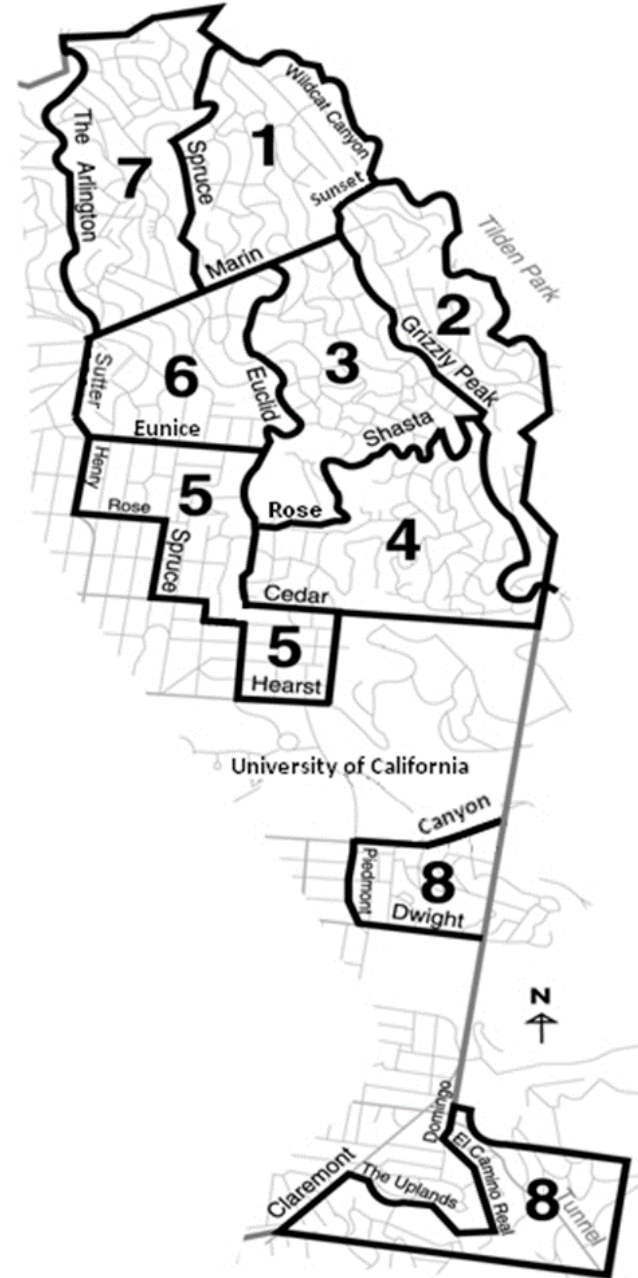
Area & Pass Dates	Borders Street Centerline
1 (1) JUN 1-5 (2) JUL 27-31	Spruce, Marin, Sunset to City limit (odds) Grizzly Peak (evens)
2 (1) JUN 8-12 (2) AUG 3-7	Grizzly Peak to City limit (odds) Sunset (evens)
3 (1) JUN 15-19 (2) AUG 10-14	Euclid, Rose, Shasta, (odds) Marin, Grizzly Peak (evens)
4 (1) JUN 22-26 (2) AUG 17-21	Euclid, Cedar (odds) Shasta, Rose, UCB, Grizzly Peak (evens)
5 (1) JUN 29-JUL 2 (2) AUG 24-28	Henry, Rose, Spruce, Cedar, Scenic, Hilgard, Euclid, Hearst to UCB (odds) Cedar @ La Vereda, Euclid & Eunice (evens)
6 (1) JUL 6-10 (2) AUG 31-SEP 4	Sutter, Eunice (odds) Marin, Euclid (evens)
7 (1) JUL 13-17 (2) SEP 8-11	Arlington, Marin (odds) Spruce (evens)
8 (1) JUL 20-24 (2) SEP 14-18	North: Canyon, Piedmont, Dwight to end (odds) Bancroft (evens) South: Domingo, El Camino Real, Claremont to City limit (odds) The Uplands (evens)

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This year's Fire Fuel Chipper and Vegetation Debris Bin Program will begin on **Monday, June 1, 2020** and end on **Friday, September 18, 2020**.



2020 Fire Fuel Chipper Program & Vegetation Debris Bin Program

INSTRUCTIONS FOR **BAGGING** Vegetation

1 Free bio-plastic compostable bags (fifteen per residence) may be picked up at the following four City of Berkeley Fire Stations from 8:00am to 5:00pm, every day of the week and from the Parks Division Office at the City's Corporation Yard, Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

Station #2 - 2029 Berkeley Way

Station #3 - 2710 Russell Street

Station #4 - 1900 Marin Avenue

Station #7 - 3000 Shasta Road

Parks Division Office - 1326 Allston Way

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

IMPORTANT

- **Use the free bio-plastic compostable 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-6400-04 Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics.

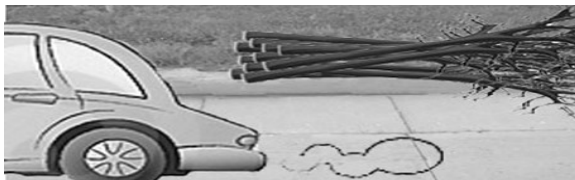


INSTRUCTIONS FOR **STACKING** Vegetation

1 Have all vegetation ready no later than Monday morning 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.

IMPORTANT

Vegetation is only picked up at properties where a surcharge fee has been collected. This does not apply to vacant land.

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 all Berkeley Fire Stations. The free bio-plastic compostable bags for the Fire Fuel Chipper Program **cannot** be used in the regular curbside plant debris program. For information, visit <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/PlantDebris>

Fire Fuel Vegetation Bin Program

- 1** To reserve a vegetation debris bin, call the Customer Service Center at **981-7270**, between 8:00am and 5:00pm. Please be prepared with alternative dates, to permit effective scheduling.
- 2** Vegetation debris bins can hold up to 30 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.
- 3** 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.

IMPORTANT

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

A limited number of vegetation bins are available each week so please share the bin with your neighbors. Bins may not be able to be placed at the ordering address.

If you have any questions, please call the Customer Service Center at 981-7270, between 8:00am and 5:00pm or email trees@cityofberkeley.info

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