

# Instructions for Stacking Branches and Other Vegetation

1. Have all vegetation ready no later than Monday morning of your scheduled week. All vegetation will be picked up sometime during that week. Place all vegetation as close to the street as possible. Please do not block fire hydrants.
2. Loose vegetation **must** be in paper or biodegradable bags. **Important:** Vegetation in **black plastic bags** will **not** be picked up.

**Free biodegradable bags** (ten per residence, please) may be picked up at the following four City of Berkeley Fire Stations from 8 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., every day of the week and from the Parks Division Office at the City's Corporation Yard, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Station #2 - 2029 Berkeley Way

Station #4 - 1900 Marin Avenue

Station #3 - 2710 Russell Street

Station #7 - 2931 Shasta Road

City of Berkeley Corporation Yard - 1326 Allston Way

3. Bags containing vegetation must weigh less than 25 pounds. Please do not include soil, rocks or garbage.
4. **Bag All Poison Oak.**
5. Branches for chipping must be less than 5 inches in diameter and may be of any length. Please stack branches neatly, with all cut ends facing in the same direction as vehicle traffic would travel. Keep piles less than 4 feet high.
6. Make sure all brush set out for chipping is free of metal objects such as nails, spikes, or fencing materials. Metal objects run through a brush chipper could injure the chipper operator and will damage the chipper.
7. **Keep ivy separated from other vegetation.** Break apart piles of ivy or other vines. These vines do not need to be placed in bags, and may be stacked loosely in a separate pile.
8. **Keep bamboo separated from other vegetation.** Stack bamboo shoots in a separate pile. Bamboo will be picked up by a separate chipper crew.
9. If you have any questions, please call the Park Division's Forestry Unit at ~~678-6500~~ <sup>781-6660</sup> between 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. or e-mail us at [trees@ci.berkeley.ca.us](mailto:trees@ci.berkeley.ca.us)

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## DEBRIS BIN PROGRAM

The City of Berkeley will be providing debris bins in the high-risk fire area. There is no direct charge for the bins. This service will operate from **Monday, June 4, 2007 to Friday, September 21, 2007.**

1. Debris bins hold 30 cubic yards and will be available for drop off on Monday and Friday. Bins left by 5:00 PM on Monday will be picked up by Noon on Friday. Bins left by 5:00 PM on Friday will be picked up by Noon on Monday.
2. These bins are to be used for **vegetation only - no plastic, rocks or household trash.**
3. **Important:** A limited number of debris bins are available each week so you are encouraged to work with your neighbors and share in the use of the bin when it is delivered. 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.
4. To reserve a debris bin, please call the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department at **981-7270** between **8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.** Please be prepared with several alternative dates, to permit effective scheduling.

**Thank You for Your Effort in Keeping Our Community Disaster Resilient**