

THE “LAST” COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

*Remove Green Waste, Reduce Hazardous Fuels & Meet Guidelines for
a Firewise Community*

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

Protect your home from wildfire with help from the Highlands and Pinewood Fire District’s

We are only accepting up to fifteen (15) clear bags of **green waste (pine needles and leaf litter)** per property.

Green Waste Pickup Schedule

Have all **GREEN WASTE** available along the roadside by Sunday, April 26th!
If material is not curbside by this time, it will not be collected.

- Collection will occur from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily excluding the weekends from April 27th until complete (est. Thursday, May 1st).
- A limit of (15) Clear bags per household will be provided free of charge in early April 2025 and will be available at Highlands Fire Station # 23 & at the Munds Park post office, Kota’s and Pinewood Fire Station from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
- Additional items will not be collected after the crew has collected along your street

RULES & GUIDELINES

Have all **GREEN WASTE** available along the roadside by the deadline.
Additional bags/slash will not be collected after the crews have worked down
your street.

- We will only collect **15** clear bags per property.
- Only **15** clear bags with pine needles and leaf litter will be collected
- There will only be one collection each of green waste bags & slash per street
- Refrain from combining piles between properties as it makes it difficult for our crew members to differentiate which property it came from. This will result in only **15** bags being collected.
- Collection of slash piles will begin once all bags are collected. Piles should be **no higher than 3 feet and fit within a 5-foot by 5-foot area, placed within five (5) feet of the road’s edge.** Tree trunks and limbs up to **6” in diameter and up to 5’ long** will be accepted. Larger items cannot be accepted.
- All stacked green waste (cut trimmings, etc.) must be stacked along the road with the cut ends towards the road to allow the crew to work safely. **NO** mechanical (tractor, bulldozer, etc.) stacked piles.

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PROHIBITED ITEMS

- NO Poison Oak, Ivy, cactus, weeds or plants with thorns will be accepted. Items that do not meet the criteria will be left on site.
- **NO household trash, construction waste, lumber, wood with nails/screws, rocks or animal waste.**

FUEL REDUCTION TIPS

- Remove leaf/pine needle accumulation within 5 to 10 feet of your house.
- Cut down or thin trees to create defensible space on your property.
- Remove tall dry grass from the property surrounding your home.
- Remove leaves & pine needles from your gutters.
- Remove “Ladder Fuels”; prune tree limbs to 6 -10 feet above the ground.
- Prune excess growth from your bushes & shrubs regularly.

If you fill more than 15 bags or are unable to source clear bags, then please note that the Willard Springs Green Waste Station is open for free green waste disposal. Click on the link below for time and dates of operation. The station no longer accepts bulk or household waste, so please only bring green waste materials. Willard Springs is located about 14 miles south of Flagstaff just west of Interstate 17 at Exit 326.

For questions or information about the Coconino County Solid Waste Program, please select the link below.

<https://www.coconino.az.gov/635/Solid-Waste-Program>

Disclaimer

Program Participant declares that he/she is the owner of the property or is his/her agent. Participant grants the Highlands Fire District, Pinewood Fire District and Bear Jaw Interagency Fire & Fuels permission to enter the property only for safety inspections, pile inspections and green waste removal. Participants agree to waive and release all associated agencies, employees and governing boards from all liability arising from participation in this program.