

The Value of a Saws & Slaws Event

The value of these services far exceeds the costs. The following table details the approximate value received by the homeowners from a Saws & Slaws mitigation event in 2017.

Service	Total
Labor - average of 18 people (a mix of swampers & sawyers) - working 4 hours each - valued at \$25.96 / hour	\$1,869.12
Chipping	\$800.00
Total approximate value of a Saws & Slaws event	\$2,669.12

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S&S MISSION STATEMENT

Saws and Slaws is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. The purpose of this community organization is to promote, organize and conduct mountain neighborhood fire mitigation events.

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2017 HOMEOWNER INFORMATION FOR HOSTING AN EVENT



Thank you for your interest in hosting a Saws & Slaws event.

Included here are some responsibilities and costs associated with hosting an event.

Step 1: Site Review

To do effective fire mitigation that is beneficial to the health of the forest, we require a professional site review by a licensed forester. The costs of which are paid directly to the service provider by the homeowner. As part of the review, the forester will become familiar with the specific site and with the homeowners' identified priorities. The forester will then mark the trees that need to be removed.

Saws Forester Partners	Colorado State Forest Service	Wildfire Partners (Boulder County only)
\$150 per site	\$52/hour, including travel (most are 3 hour)	\$100 full assessment, including structure review
Reduce costs by scheduling review of multiple sites for the same time or limiting scope to what can be done during event. mrpenterprises@icloud.com 720-312-2631	Site reviews are offered out of Boulder, Gilpin and Golden districts. csfs.colostate.edu/districts/ 303-823-5774 (Boulder/Gilpin District) 303-279-9757 (Jeffco District)	Opportunities are available to reduce fees. wildfirepartners.org 303-441-1420

Step 2: High Risk Felling (optional)

Saws & Slaws volunteers will not fell any high-risk trees. This includes trees near power lines or structures.

Homeowners can have the high-risk trees felled by a professional before the event. The professional can then leave the boles (trunks) and slash for the Saws & Slaws volunteers to clean up and remove during the event. It reduces the expense for the homeowner by reducing the work the professional would typically do.

The high-risk felling could be done any time after the event as well.

Step 3: Homeowner Costs for Hosting an Event

Insurance & Chipping

To help cover insurance, chipping, and other costs, homeowners will be asked to pay according to the below table, which includes up to four hours of chipping by one or two chippers associated with each event.

	1 Site	2 Sites	3 Sites	4 Sites	5 Sites
1 Chipper - Cost Per Site	\$1,000	\$500	\$334	\$250	\$200
2 Chippers - Cost Per Site	\$1,300	\$640	\$434	\$325	\$260

Financial Support:



Please let us know if you need financial assistance in order to participate in our events. We will subsidize any homeowner who is not able to afford participation in an event. We expect the homeowners to pay what they can and to volunteer at other Saws & Slaws events. It is more important to us that the work gets done.

