

BRAIN STORM

GOT CHIPS?

Running small diameter trees and brush through a chipper can be the easiest way to reduce volume and make vegetative materials easier to haul. Scattering the chips onto the ground can provide an effective layer of soil protection and helps return nutrients to the soil. Here are other possible uses for wood-chip type material. (California & Utah)

- **Co-generation**

In the past hog fuel, leftovers from lumber mill processes, was burned used to generate electricity. Today, chips from fuels projects can be used by co-generation facilities for the same purpose. Current state of the art co-generators come in a variety of sizes, and some can be located just about anywhere.

- **Composting**

Mixed with the appropriate materials, wood chips can be used in the composting process. The end results can be marketed at either wholesale or retail level. In a win-win situation, chips can be composted with dairy farm wastes, or biosolids form municipal wastewater treatment plants.

- **Ethanol**

Wood chips can be used in the production of Ethanol.