THE THIRD STAGE LANGUAGE

Keep good wood out of the chipper

TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT · DISPOSAL PROVISION

3.4 The Contractor shall remove ~~and dispose of~~ all trees, limbs, stumps, and associated debris resulting from removal operations. ~~All material shall be chipped, hauled, and disposed of at an approved facility at the Contractor's expense.~~ **Logs meeting minimum recovery dimensions shall be set aside and delivered to the City's designated wood recovery site prior to chipping or disposal. Remaining material shall be chipped, hauled, and disposed of at an approved facility.**

Minimum recovery dimensions, a starting point: logs at least 8 ft long and 10 in diameter. Adjust by species and local market.

Orange strikethrough = remove. Green underline = add.

WHY IT MATTERS

Disposal of removed trees runs from tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, depending on city size. The same material, recovered, carries value that can continue for years, decades, or indefinitely.

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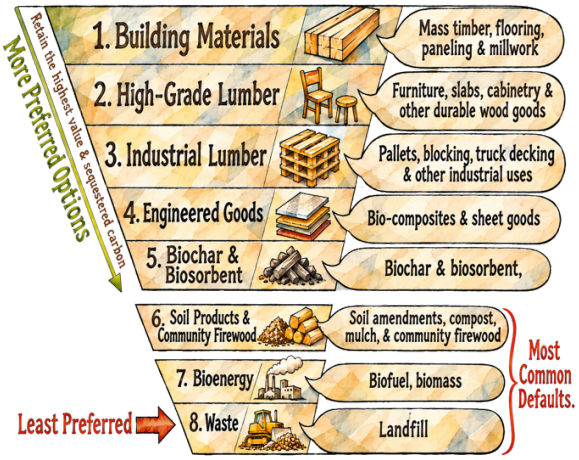
Where to start

STRIKE — **the haul-and-dispose default.** Put the recovery clause in your next removal or debris bid.
CONTRACT · THIS WEEK

NAME — **wood reuse in your tree ordinance.** Make recovery part of urban and community forest management, not a favor.
POLICY · THIS YEAR

RANK — **recovery first in your disposal language.** Set the order of preference so the default stops being "chip it."
HIERARCHY · ONGOING

THE ORDER OF PREFERENCE



HOW TO BEGIN

1. Add the recovery clause to your next removal or debris spec.
2. Name a destination: a city yard or an approved recovery partner.
3. Talk to us about a city assessment of your own end route.

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