

Labor Cost Savings In Colorado

Nestled high in the Rocky Mountains, at the mouth of Boulder Canyon in Colorado, the Boulder Valley Public School District encompasses 45 schools, with a total enrollment of over 23,000. The district covers a 500 square mile area—nearly one half of Boulder County. A profusion of pine and spruce trees, typical of the mountainous region, beautify the campuses of all the schools.

Maintaining the grounds of this vast complex is the task of the school district's plant and auxiliary services department, who recently purchased a Wayne Brush Chipper to facilitate their growing problems of brush and tree limb disposal.

Working eight hour shifts, the department trims more than 25 trees each week. In the winter months they work extra hours to dispose of the brush and limbs felled by winter snow and heavy storms.

Clarence O. Britton, Director of the Plant and Auxiliary Services, says, "Before using our chipper, we had to haul tons of brush in bulky loads to the dumpsite, at a cost of \$12 per load — this in addition to the cost of labor to load the trucks. Now, using a dozer to make a pit area on our own property, we push the chips into the pit and simply cover them. Using a covered vehicle with a hoist, which the chipper itself blows into, it's simple to dump and begin cutting operations again.

"Our crew rates the safe operations of the chipper very highly, with the conveniently placed safety controls a definite advantage. They also appreciate its ease of maintenance and service, and especially ease and convenience in changing the cutting knives."

"It has been several years since a thorough trimming of brush removal program has been completed in our school district, he concludes. "Since purchasing our Wayne Chipper, we have completed a vast amount of work and effected considerable savings."

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