

Wild Rose Meadow
Gravel and Wood Chip Ordering Guidelines
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The Gravel and Wood Chip budget is established each year after the annual meeting. The numbers used below are the ones that we have been using in our budget but are subject to change. Each cluster is responsible for ordering the gravel and/or chips budgeted for that cluster. As long as the order does not go above the budget per cluster, **each cluster rep can order gravel and chips** without contacting our treasurer. We order from the vendor described below as WRM has a good working relationship with them and they have provided gravel and chips to WRM since its construction.

Invoices:

Billing should be sent to our current treasurer:

Annie Moss Moore, 159 Rosehip Rd., Eastsound, WA 98245 or sent electronically to anniem@interisland.net.

You must include the name of the rep placing the order and which cluster it is for.

Vendor:

Orcas Excavators: 360-376-2319

Gravel Grade:

We order **5/8 minus grade** (suitable for pathways and topping).

If there are giant potholes in the parking areas (2-3" deep), the grade of gravel is 1½ minus. (This may never be ordered unless there is a place to dump it to be used over time).

Gravel is delivered by truckload (15,000 lbs.) and is about **\$400 per load**. The majority of the cost is labor and use of their truck; so the cost of ordering a half load would only go down to about \$350. Each grade of gravel costs the same.

Budget for Gravel:

There is \$1500 per year budgeted for gravel. Gravel isn't always ordered every year, so the unused money goes into the "savings" in our Neighborhood fund. If the West cluster and the 2 South cluster parking lots order a load each per year (2 loads for South Cluster), which would come to \$1200. The remaining amount would be available to cover the cost of East cluster pathway gravel, which would happen every other year at the most. Though this expense would go over budget by \$100 one year, we would be under budget the next year. The other clusters can make a decision each year whether to use their gravel allotment for the parking area OR the pathways.

Dumping Locations for Gravel:

West Cluster: along wood fence (guest parking) by Twigs Lane to the left of the mirror

South Cluster: usually in the southernmost parking lot in the SW corner (TBD); (not the playground)

East Cluster: to be determined by east cluster reps

Wood Chips (Mulch):

Grade is called “**Tub Grind**”. It is the only affordable grade for the purposes of mulching the berms and common areas. It is kind of chunky, but this is the only grade WRM can afford. A double or triple grind is a finer chip but much more expensive. WRM is always open for free chip donations and homeowners are free to purchase chips at their own expense.

Budget for Chips:

We have \$1000 allotted for the year: **\$250 per cluster** (east, west, 2 south clusters). It is delivered by the truckload of 10 yards at **\$500 per load**. Again, there is no savings for ordering a half load.

The East and West Cluster would order a load together. The 2 South Clusters would order a load together.

Dumping Locations for Chips:

East/West Cluster: along wood fence (guest parking) by Twigs Lane to the left of the mirror
South Cluster: on the grass near the play structure

Note: Orcas Ex said that it is most efficient to dump each truckload at one location. Since their dumping gate doesn't close mid-dump, some of the gravel or chips slip out on the road on the way to their second dumping site. This is why they recommend dumping an entire load at one location.