



BRUSH CHIPPING PROGRAM COMING TO Islesboro

The Maine Forest Service's "*Fuel Reduction Chipping Program*" will be coming to Islesboro on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015**. The program is designed to help communities reduce the risk of wildfire near their homes and seasonal camps. **This year, only twenty homeowners will be allowed to participate in this free program and chipping will only be done on one day.**

It will be set up on a first come – first serve basis, depending on when the completed "*Request for Chipping Form*" has been dropped off at the town office. Once the form has been turned in, homeowners will need to place tree limbs and brush roadside by May 25th, 2015. **Homeowner's who don't properly turn forms in will be responsible for removing their own brush piles.** The size of brush is limited to 2 – 4" in diameter and must have been cut or gathered recently. Old, rotted wood clogs the chipper and is not as much of a fire hazard. The Maine Forest Service will provide the wood chipper, an operator and a truck to haul the wood chips. This year, a seasonal crew will be available to load the brush into the chipper. Homeowners interested in keeping their wood chips should indicate so on the form.



Any questions on this program, please contact Fire Prevention Specialist Kent Nelson at 287-4989.

Maine Forest Service Chipping Request Form

Homeowners: Please complete this form and return it to your community organizer

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City / Town: _____ Zip: _____

Are you the owner of the property? Yes No

Do you give the Maine Forest Service, its employees and members of the work crew permission to enter onto your property for the purpose of removing the brush pile(s)? Yes No.

Do you wish to keep the wood chips? Yes No (if yes, chips will be deposited next to wood pile to be chipped)

Please answer the following questions for grant reporting purposes:

How many hours did it take you to cut, haul and pile the material by the roadway: _____ hours

Did you pay someone to do it for you? Yes No. Is "yes" how much did it cost? \$ _____

How many acres is the lot from which the material was removed? _____.

What would you have done with the material if this chipping program was not available to you?
 burn it take it to a landfill leave on property rent a chipper nothing.

I have completed the requirements on the attached form (checklist) and agree to allow the Maine Forest Service and the chipping crew admittance onto my property in order to access the pile(s) for chipping. I understand that the material may be chipped back onto my property. *I understand that this program is to help homeowners dispose of brush, small diameter trees and tree limbs that could carry a wildfire towards homes, not to increase the size of my lawn or improve my view.* I further understand that if the pile is not prepared according to the checklist, it will not be chipped. I understand that MFS makes all efforts to have the piles chipped as soon as possible, however, the MFS provides no guarantees as to when the work will be completed. I will not make any attempt to load brush into the chipping machine. I understand that all work will be halted if this attempt is made. I understand that the MFS is not obligated to perform this service and that the MFS is not liable for its failure to perform this service.

The applicant, for him/her/itself, his/her/its contractors and employees, agrees to save, indemnify and to hold harmless the Maine Forest Service and/or its representatives from all liabilities and claims for damage by reason of injury or death to any person or persons, or damage to property from any cause whatsoever while, in, upon, or in any way connected with the work associated with this request.

Signature

Date