



STORM CLEANUP! Great Firewise News!

Dear Fellow Apple Mountain Lake Property Owners:

Our community has been participating in the Virginia Department of Forestry's "Firewise" program since 2006. The purpose of Firewise is to help reduce the risk of wildfire in communities like ours (we are rated as a "medium" risk).

A professional tree crew paid for by Firewise grant money will be back in Apple Mountain Lake on **July 13** (weather permitting) with a powerful chipper/shredder machine.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BRANCHES, BRUSH OR SMALL TREES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CHIPPED UP FOR FREE? Here are the details:

- Bring the material (up to 6 inches in diameter) to the edge of your property (within 5 feet from the road) by **TUESDAY, JULY 12** with the cut or broken end of each piece facing the road.
- The crew will not be cutting branches off trees or cutting any standing trees, brush or bushes – this is strictly a chipping operation.
- No vines, briars, weeds, plants, leaves or lumber will be shredded.
- The crew will spray the mulch into wooded areas of your property or neighboring properties, and they may spray it into the back of their dump truck.
- If you would like some of the resulting mulch dumped on your lot from the truck, ask the crew when you see them out working on the mountain.

Please send your questions about this project to amlfirewise@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT: Please make note of how much time you spend working on cutting or dragging branches, clearing brush etc. and send a quick email summary to amlfirewise@gmail.com. For example:

- From John and Jane Homeowner, 1234 Granny Smith Rd, we each spent 2 hours on 5/3/16 gathering branches to be chipped.

We need to report our volunteer work hours to Firewise to help us get future grants. If you have already spent time working on clearing and cutting brush this year, please report those hours to us as well, and any future hours – we could use all the volunteer hours we can get!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING TO REDUCE THE WILDFIRE RISK IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Sincerely,

Apple Mountain Lake POA Board and Firewise Committee

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