



Great FireWise News!

Dear Fellow Apple Mountain Lake Property Owners:

We have 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, and we have made great progress over the years thanks to the efforts of our community.

A professional tree crew paid for by FireWise grant money will be in Apple Mountain Lake for several days starting May 6 (weather permitting) with a powerful chipper/shredder machine.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BRANCHES, BRUSH OR SMALL TREES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CHIPPED? If so, here's the details:

- Bring the material (up to 6 inches in diameter) to the edge of your property (within 5 feet from the road) by **8:00 AM ON MONDAY, MAY 6** with the cut or broken ends facing the road.
- The crew will not be cutting branches from trees or cutting standing trees, brush or bushes – this is strictly a chipping operation.
- No stumps, vines, briars, weeds, plants, leaves or lumber will be chipped.
- The crew will spray the mulch into wooded areas of your property or neighboring properties, or they may spray it into the back of their dump truck.
- If you would like mulch dumped on your lot, ask the crew when you see them out working on the mountain.
- It will take them several days to visit all of our roads.

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

IMPORTANT: Please email a brief summary to amlfirewise@gmail.com of how much time you spend cutting or dragging branches, clearing brush, trees etc. For example: "John and Jane Homeowner, 1234 Granny Smith Rd, we each spent 2 hours on 3/4/19 gathering fallen branches to be chipped".

If you pay someone to do it, please report that too. If you have already spent time or money this year removing wildfire fuel, please report it and any future time or money. This includes removing large trees. **ALL OF THIS INFORMATION HELPS US OBTAIN FUTURE GRANTS!**

Thank you for helping reduce wildfire risk in our community. Sincerely,
Your Apple Mountain Lake POA Board and FireWise Committee

For wildfire safety information and tips, please visit www.firewise.org

