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2015 FIREWISE ISLAND FUEL REDUCTION PROGRAM

The City of Portland and Maine Forest Service are pleased to offer the 2015 Firewise Fuel Reduction Program for City of Portland Islands. Now in its third year on Portland islands, the Maine Forest Service, with support from the Portland Fire Department and the Portland Public Services Department, will be conducting this voluntary program during July, 2015. The Firewise Brush Chipping Program is designed to reduce the forest fuel loading near homes and prevent wildfires from threatening and damaging homes. Although there is no direct cost to the homeowner, they are responsible to remove the brush from around their homes and create "defensible space". The following must be adhered to be considered for the program:

1. **An application(attached) must be filled out;**
2. **Brush must be placed roadside;**
3. **Pile cannot be more than 4' high and 20' long;**
4. **All limbs must be placed with cut end(butt end) to the road;**
5. **No limbs larger than 12" in diameter;**
6. **No construction materials;**
7. **No vines, bamboo, bittersweet, etc.**

The schedule of chipping will be as follows:

July 13, 2015 – Little Diamond Island

July 14, 2015 – Great Diamond Island

July 15, 2015 – Peaks Island

July 16, 2015 – Cushing Island

July 17, 2015 – Cliff Island

This program is available on a first come first serve basis. There are limits as to how many properties will receive brush chipping from MFS. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 8, 2015. Those property owners interested in participating may return completed forms to Mike Murray by either fax: 207-874-8669; e-mail : msm@portlandmaine.gov; or mail to: 389 Congress Street, Room 208, Portland, ME 04101.