

BMPOA 2024 Firewise Spring Chipping Plan

It's a great time to begin gathering your deadfall for this Spring's annual chipping! As the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) has approved BMPOA's request for contractor money, (Firewise Communities for Virginia), we must track our "In-kind" effort. That's where you (our members and families) come in. You must email our Firewise lead (and Secretary), Patrick Patton (quietgeneral@yahoo.com) providing him the time you and your family, or a contractor you hired, spent gathering and piling everything. Patrick must provide this to VDOF. Once completed the state will send the authorized \$9,000 for contractor work reducing our chipping cost substantially.

Your effort involves removing piled deadwood (dead bushes/dead tree trunks/logs/branches) and combustible vegetation from around homes and cabins. DO NOT place rotted tree trunks, logs, or newly fallen/cut materials (pictures below). The contractors can only chip the brush and deadfall you pile that is no more than 6 inches in diameter. You must pile it up no more than 5 to 7 feet in your property from the end of your driveway or along the road in front of your house (including members on Route 638/Freezeland/Blue Mountain Road). All deadfall must be in place no later than March 31, 2024. Piles placed after this will not be chipped. The contractor and BMPOA Board member will then survey all 15 miles of BMPOA's roads in early April taking pictures of the piles prior to starting chipping. Though we currently don't have a contractor date, the plan is to have all chipping complete NTL April 30. Contact/call Patrick (quietgeneral@yahoo.com, (540) 305-1385) with any questions.



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