

**Big Mountain Fire District  
Fire Wise and Fire Safe**

May 2023

**BMFD FIREWISE ANNUAL BRUSH COLLECTION DAY**

On **Saturday, June 3, 2023**, Big Mountain Fire and District HOA's will have their annual brush collection day from 9am to 4pm. Residents should place their debris curbside for collection no later than Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Only natural woody material will be collected. **Please, no grass clippings.** Branches, tree limbs, and small logs should be cut to a maximum of 6 feet long and should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

**Volunteers are needed** to assist in the brush collection and disposal. Pickup trucks and flatbed trailers are needed as well. If you are available to assist on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, please contact coordinator **Paul Silverman at 406-249-8969.**

Should you wish to dispose of brush on your own, you can take it to the County Landfill located at 4098 Hwy 93N between Whitefish and Kalispell. Their hours are 8am to 5pm seven days a week, except for holidays. The telephone number is 406-758-5910. There is no charge if you are a Flathead County resident. Further information can be obtained at [www.flathead.mt.gov/department-directory/waste](http://www.flathead.mt.gov/department-directory/waste)

Please note, if a contractor is cleaning up your property, they are responsible for disposing of the debris. The Landfill may charge a fee to contractors.

**Volunteers should meet at the Big Mountain firehouse at 9am on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Thank you for your effort in improving our community's survivable space!**

**Your BMFD Firewise Board:**

Ben Devall, Fire Chief  
Robert Sharp, BMFD Firefighter  
Paul Silverman, BMFD Board Rep  
Josh Witt, WMR Rep  
Woody Hust, Community Rep, Sub 1

Sue Oemichen, Resident Leader, Sunrise Ridge  
Marylou Patterson, Community Rep Sub 2  
Diana Tague, Community Rep, Northern Lights  
Suzanne Burrow, Community Rep, Wood Run

## Improve Your Homes Survivability

- **Rake** up leaves, pine needles, and other debris within 5 to 30 feet of your home, and from the base of large trees.
- **Prune** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground. Trim back shrubs and overhanging branches that come closer than 5 feet of the house.
- **Remove** dead trees, fallen limbs, dead vegetation, and other flammable material.
- **Move** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the house.
- **Dispose** of weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings.
- **Clear** flammable debris from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, and patios.
- **Contact** your neighbor if the recommended survivable space goes beyond your property boundaries. Do not work on someone else's property.
- **Participate in the BMFD Firewise Annual Brush Collection Day, Saturday, June 3, 2023, 9 am-4 pm.**

### **Please:**

- **Cut** branches, tree limbs, and small logs to a maximum of 6 feet long and 6 inches in diameter.
- **Stack** your debris curbside no later than Friday, June 2 for collection the following day.
- **Volunteer** to assist in the collection/disposal effort, especially those with a pickup truck or flatbed trailer. Please call or text coordinator **Paul Silverman at 406-249-8969** if you're available to help, or if you have any questions. Volunteers should meet at the Big Mountain firehouse at 9 am on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for participating!