

Fall 2023 PORTAL III HOA
BRUSH PICK-UP GUIDELINES
October 7th – November 5th

1. **ONLY GREEN WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP**

Brush, branches, small cut rounds, leaf, cone, needles, and grasses

NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE OR CONSTRUCTION / LUMBER MATERIALS
YOUR PILE WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

2. Pile brush on the street-side of the ditches parallel to the street. Do not block the road. Brush piles **MUST** be kept away from utility boxes and out of ditches.
3. **NEEDLES** and/or **MOSTLY NEEDLES** should be piled not bagged, as that is easier for the contractor's equipment to pick up.
4. **LEAVES & PINECONES** must be bagged, as the contractor's equipment cannot pick them up otherwise.
5. **Branches and small cut rounds cannot exceed 4 inches in diameter and 6 feet in length.**
6. Work with your neighbors to pile brush and needles in as few piles as possible. Several smaller piles are more time consuming and expensive to pick up.

Adhering to these guidelines will help ensure maximum efficiency and cost effectiveness for the Portal III HOA. **THANK YOU**

Brush can be put out starting Saturday October 7th (not before), but no later than Sunday November 5th.

If you have questions, please contact Darwin Huber at 623-910-3732 or knobhill1296@gmail.com.

THANK YOU – For your cooperation.

Please Consider Firewising your property, as shown on the following page.

FIREWISING YOUR LOT

A windblown firestorm can blow embers 3 miles ahead of a fire. The following steps can greatly reduce the chance of these embers causing a fire on your property.

- 1. REMOVE LEAF, NEEDLE AND CONE LITTER** – Clear your property of these materials to a minimum of 10 feet from your house/deck to protect it from ground fire.

Beyond 10 feet, leave a thin layer of pine needles for moisture retention for trees and shrubs.

- 2. LIMB-UP** - Prune lower branches up off the ground to keep a ground fire from reaching shrub or tree limbs.

Shrubs: limb-up 12 inches

Trees: limb-up at least 3 feet

- 2. REMOVE OR REDUCE LADDER FUEL** – Bushes that grow under larger trees allow fire to spread to the larger trees.

Also, by removing this ladder fuel, the larger trees get more moisture and nutrients for a healthier life.

Limb-up trees so there is at least a 36 inches separation between the tops of the ladder fuel and the lowest branches of the tree.

Then, limb-up the ladder fuel 12 inches off the ground.

- 4. THIN DENSE SHRUBBERY** – To help reduce the spread of fire.

This accomplishes two important things -1) Helps reduce the spread of fire, and 2) Gives the larger trees and remaining shrubbery more moisture and nutrients.

- 5. REMOVE DEAD OR BROKEN TREES, BRANCHES, BRUSH** – This is hazardous fire fuel.

- 6. THIN DENSE TREES** – This is not only a severe fire hazard but there is not enough moisture and nutrients to maintain the health of all the trees.

Tall skinny pines with only needles at the tops are very unhealthy and should be removed.

- 7. REMOVE BRANCHES CLOSE OR TOUCHING YOUR ROOF**

- 9. CLEAN GUTTERS AND YOUR ROOF OF DEBRIS**

THANK YOU – for Firewising Your Property