

*Backyard Forests*

## Registration Form

Please return this form with a check (\$5.00/person) by Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to: University of Idaho Extension - Benewah County, 701 College Avenue, Courthouse basement, St. Maries, ID 83861. Phone: 208-245-2422. Make checks payable to "UI Extension Program Fund."

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## St. Maries

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Community Presbyterian Church  
(Foyer in Basement)

1100 College Avenue



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Homeowners with five acres or less of forest land do not usually want to manage them intensively for timber harvest (though many eventually sell logs from these properties). Most owners of these “backyard forests” are interested primarily in keeping their trees healthy and their landscape attractive.

Unfortunately, many homeowners do not consider doing anything actively until backyard forest trees are visibly suffering from some kind of insect or disease problem. By the time they bring a sample into the Extension Office or to some other expert, it is often too late.

Remedies for bark beetles, root disease and similar forest health problems are usually preventative. Even people with only a dozen native trees grouped together must understand and apply some fundamental principles of forest ecology to keep those trees healthy.

*Backyard Forests* will help homeowners with smaller acreages of forestland apply basic concepts of forest ecology to their trees. Participants will learn about:

- Tree species native to northern Idaho and their growth habits;
- How forests grow and change over time;
- Common forest insects & diseases;
- Methods to improve forest tree health and reduce potential insect, disease and fire problems; and
- Ways to enhance forest wildlife habitat.

*Backyard Forests* will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at the Community Presbyterian Church (Foyer in Basement) located at 1100 College Avenue in St. Maries from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This session is being held in partnership with the Benewah County Master Gardeners.

Please return the registration form on the back of this flyer as soon as possible, to assure your place and help us plan. A \$5 registration fee covers handouts and refreshments.

For registration questions, contact: UI Extension - Benewah County (208-245-2422). For program questions, contact *Chris Schnepf* (208-446-1680).



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