

## SAMPLE TREE GROWTH 120 DAY NOTICE – NEW OWNER - 1 YEAR

«Date»

«Name»

Account # «Account\_»

«Address\_1»

«Address\_2»

«City\_State\_Zip»

Dear «Name»

RE: Property located in «Municipality», Maine; Map «Map» Lot «Lot»

Dear «Name»,

According to our records, you acquired a parcel of land classified under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law program (TGTL). Maine law (36 MRSA §574-B(3)) states that when land classified under the TGTL is transferred to a new owner, within one year of the date of transfer, or prior to any harvesting, the new owner must file one of the following:

- A. A sworn statement from a licensed professional forester indicating that a new forest management and harvest plan has been prepared; or
- B. A sworn statement from a licensed professional forester that the land is being managed in accordance with the plan prepared for the previous landowner.

Further, the landowner must also provide an attestation that the landowner's primary use for the forest land classified pursuant to this subchapter is to grow trees to be harvested for commercial use (36 MRSA §574-B(4)).

Pursuant to Title 36 MRSA §581(1-A), you are hereby notified of your requirement to provide:

- A. The landowner's attestation for the above named parcel; and
- B. A sworn statement from a licensed professional forester indicating that a new forest management and harvest plan has been prepared; or
- C. A sworn statement from a licensed professional forester that the land is being managed in accordance with the plan prepared for the previous landowner.

**Failure to comply with this notice within 120 days will result in a supplemental assessment of \$500.**

Your forest land will continue to be classified in the Tree Growth Program; however continued non-compliance will result in an additional \$500 penalty.

To prevent a \$500 supplemental assessment from being assessed, you must either:

- A. Comply with the recertification requirements of 36 MRSA §574-B(3) & (4) stated above; or
- B. Transfer your parcel to the Open Space classification.

**The deadline for complying with this notice is «DUE DATE».**

If you are unclear about the requirements mentioned above, please contact me at «Phone».

Sincerely,