

**HOW TO PAY YOUR TAX BILL?**

**\*New Payment Service:**

AndroPay. Through a relationship with Androscoggin Bank, the Town is making available a web-based payment service called AndroPay. AndroPay allows Town customers to pay taxes online, 24/7, via their web browser. The customer can select an electronic transfer from a checking or savings account. You do not have to be a customer with Androscoggin Bank to use this service. There will be a \$1.00 charge for each transaction. Go to [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) and click on the Online Services tab.

**\*Credit and Debit Payments:**

The Town Office accepts credit and debit card payments in person only. There is a 2.5% fee assessed to each transaction.

**\*Mail or In Person.**

You may stop by in person and pay your taxes with cash or by check. You can also mail your payment to the Town Office, PO Box 39, Harpswell, Maine 04079.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Town Meeting voters approved a local Property Tax Assistance ordinance to provide relief to income-qualifying households in Harpswell. **In order to be eligible for the Town’s program, one must have applied and received a benefit from the State of Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuitbreaker” Program.** Applicants may receive a 50% match of the State reimbursement up to \$800 as long as the Harpswell applicant has had a homestead in Town for the previous two years and paid taxes in full for the year for which reimbursement is sought. The application for the 2010 tax year is available below.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE**

Reimbursement for the State 2011 Circuit Breaker Program (for 2010 taxes)

**Application Deadline – October 15, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Map and Lot Number (on Property Tax Bill): \_\_\_\_\_

If different from property address please provide mailing address below:

Proof of Residency: Ownership \_\_\_\_ (Assessor to Verify)  
Rental \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide copy of lease or, if no lease, other evidence of rental.)

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER  
REFUND CHECK OR CONFIRMATION FOR 2010**

**(YOU CAN CONTACT THE STATE AT 207-626-8475 IF YOU NEED TO OBTAIN PROOF  
or give permission for the Town to obtain the proof on your behalf (below))**

Please provide to the Town of Harpswell, on my behalf, confirmation of the amount of refund I received from the State of Maine 2011 Circuit Breaker Program (2010 Taxes).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Social Security # Date

If you need any assistance with the completion of this form or if you need help with the State form, please call the Town Treasurer at 833-5771 to schedule an appointment to review the form(s).

Return to: Attn: Property Tax Program  
Town of Harpswell, PO Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079

# WINTER MOTH CONTROL STEPS

Invasive winter moth has infested approximately 400 acres of southeastern Harpswell.





After eating young spring leaves the inchworm caterpillar spins a cocoon and spends June to November in the soil. They emerge and mate from November to early January.

In an attempt to contain the spread, the Maine State Forest Service is urging all not to move firewood or landscape plantings in, out of, or within Harpswell.

The Town of Harpswell has a strong commitment to its fishing heritage and cannot recommend using a pesticide that has the potential to be detrimental to the marine resources over time. Therefore, it cautions the use of any pesticide that could have a detrimental effect on them. Frequently mentioned pesticides, Spinosad and Permethrin are toxic to fish, mollusks, aquatic invertebrates and honeybees that come in direct contact with Spinosad.

Below are seasonal steps one can take to control Winter Moth.

A workshop is planned for mid September to demonstrate the use of banding tapes. Please watch the Town Website ([www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov)) for the date and location. To receive notice of the scheduled meeting, you may sign up to receive notices under the *Subscribe to Town Information* tab on the left hand sidebar of the Town's homepage.

Time of Year	Moth Activity	Steps You Can Take
<b>NOVEMBER- JANUARY</b>  <u>MOTHS ON TREES</u>	 photo: D. Swanson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tape and band trees with sticky substance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prevents females from laying eggs on tree</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>  <u>EGGS ON TREES</u>	 photo: R. Childs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spray dormant oil on trunk and branches before leaves emerge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kills overwintering eggs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Encourage birds</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep trees/shrubs moist and top-dress with compost</b></li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>  <u>INCHWORMS EAT LEAVES</u>	 photo: Maine Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apply <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> (Btk), to emerging leaves</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kills young inchworm feeding on leaves</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Non-selective - kills many species of butterflies &amp; moths</i></p> <p><b><i>Pesticides spinosad &amp; permathrin are toxic to fish, mollusks &amp; aquatics invertebrates</i></b></p>
<b>JUNE - NOVEMBER</b>  <u>LEAF DAMAGE ON TREE</u>	 photo: S. Vachon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Do not remove landscape material (soil, plants, and weeds) from infested areas</b></li> <li>• <b>Keep trees &amp; shrubs watered and top-dressed with compost</b></li> </ul> <p>(Earthen cocoons of winter moth are in soil and be easily moved to another area)</p>