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NEIGHBORHOODS INVITED TO APPLY FOR CITY BUCKTHORN PICKUP

Burnsville residents are invited to team up to organize a buckthorn removal project in their neighborhoods. Neighborhoods can then submit an application for the City to pick up and dispose of the buckthorn for free.

When: Applications due Wednesday, July 31

Cost: FREE

Apply online at www.burnsvillemn.gov/nominate

Neighborhoods must apply and be approved to qualify for free pickup. A minimum of three homeowners must participate to be eligible. (Pick-up options may also be available for individual properties with large lots.)

About Buckthorn

Buckthorn is an invasive species that can quickly overtake the necessary light, water and nutrients that native woodland plants need to survive. Unlike native plants, buckthorn has no natural insect or animal predators.

Residents are always encouraged to remove buckthorn whenever possible. However, a big problem when removing buckthorn is figuring out what to do with all of the removed brush. To make things easier, the City has developed this program to help with disposal.

Compost Site Open for Buckthorn

The City will open its compost site (for buckthorn disposal only) the last weekend of every month June through September. The compost site will also be open for buckthorn every weekend in October.

The compost site is located behind the businesses at 121st Street and Pleasant Avenue, and will be open these select weekend dates from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information on buckthorn visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/buckthorn or call the City's Natural Resources division at 952-895-4543.

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