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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.

What: Neighborhood Buckthorn Pickup When: Applications Due Monday, July 31

Cost: FREE

Apply: Apply online at www.burnsville.org/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.)

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 to keep it under control.

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 for residents, the City has developed this program to help with disposal.

For more information on buckthorn visit <u>www.burnsville.org/buckthorn</u> or call the City's Natural Resources division at 952-895-4543.

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