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'NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD' FOR BUCKTHORN BRUSH PICK-UP

Burnsville Now Accepting Applications for Third Year of Buckthorn Disposal Program

Seeing overgrown buckthorn in areas once alive with native shrubs and wildflowers is frustrating – especially since it is difficult to remove (and keep away permanently). For the third year, the City of Burnsville is offering some help to neighborhoods looking to remove and dispose of buckthorn through the “Nominate Your Neighborhood” program.

Through “Nominate Your Neighborhood,” residents can apply to have their removed buckthorn picked up and disposed of by the City – free of charge.

How Does it Work?

- Download a “Nominate Your Neighborhood” application at www.burnsville.org/nominate. (Applications are due June 1.)
- City staff will review applications and select the highest-ranked applicants to receive free buckthorn brush pick-up.
- The City will assist with disposal only – the neighborhood is in charge of planning and carrying-out the removal event.
- Only one application is required per neighborhood, and a minimum of three participating homeowners is required to apply.

Neighborhoods chosen for the program will be notified by July 1. Once selected, they will have one month to notify the City of preferred pick-up dates. Buckthorn removal must take place between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31 2013.

Buckthorn, an invasive shrub, is a serious threat to Burnsville’s public and private forested areas. Last year, eight groups participating in the “Nominate Your Neighborhood” program removed 1,100 cubic yards of buckthorn.

For more information on buckthorn removal visit www.burnsville.org/buckthorn or contact Caleb Ashling at 952-895-4543 or caleb.ashling@ci.burnsville.mn.us.

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