

### ***Planning Checklist for a Buckthorn Bust***

- ✓ Brainstorm project ideas; select the highest priority project
- ✓ Define your goals and objectives; be specific and write them down
- ✓ Consider ways to achieve your objective; evaluate the alternatives and select the best strategy
- ✓ Get preliminary support; since the project involves property that you do not own or control, set up a meeting with the affected parties
- ✓ Brainstorm a list of all the tasks that need to be completed to reach your goal
- ✓ Group tasks into categories and put them in chronological order
- ✓ Set the timeline for starting and completing each task
- ✓ List what resources you need to complete each task: money, support, materials, equipment
- ✓ Decide who will do what and when; form subcommittees as needed; delegate
- ✓ To monitor progress and head off problems, set up some way that the committee members report when tasks are complete
- ✓ Make copies of the plan for all committee members
- ✓ Get permission and/or support for the final plan from the private or public property owners
- ✓ Seek support; promote your plan in your community or neighborhood
- ✓ Take copies of the plan with you when you present your ideas to others
- ✓ Recruit volunteers to help implement the plan; delegate tasks
- ✓ Put you plan into action
- ✓ Remove buckthorn! Celebrate!
- ✓ Thank everyone
- ✓ Evaluate the project; compare what you did with what you planned; modify the plan as needed to improve future projects

## ***SUGGESTED BUCKTHORN BUST PLANNING CALENDER***

### *FALL REMOVAL*

| <b>Task Description</b>     | <b>JAN</b> | <b>FEB</b> | <b>MAR</b> | <b>APR</b> | <b>MAY</b> | <b>JUNE</b> | <b>JULY</b> | <b>AUG</b> | <b>SEPT</b> | <b>OCT</b> | <b>NOV</b> | <b>DEC</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Organize Steering Committee |            |            |            | --         | --         | --          | --          |            |             |            |            |            |
| Select Project Site         |            |            |            | --         | --         |             |             |            |             |            |            |            |
| Design Removal Day          |            |            |            |            |            | --          | --          |            |             |            |            |            |
| Coordinate Volunteers       |            |            |            |            |            |             | --          | --         | --          | --         |            |            |
| Buckthorn Inventory         |            |            |            |            |            |             |             | --         | --          |            |            |            |
| Raise Funds                 |            |            |            |            |            | --          | --          | --         |             |            |            |            |
| Promote Project in Media    |            |            |            |            |            |             |             | --         | --          | --         |            |            |
| Educate                     |            |            |            |            |            |             |             | --         | --          | --         | --         |            |
| Remove Buckthorn            |            |            |            |            |            |             |             |            |             | --         |            |            |

## ***Committee Worksheet***

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| Committee: | Objective: |
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| Activity: | Tasks To Complete: | Person Responsible: | Date To Complete: |
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## ***Treasurer's Expense Report Form***

Community Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

| Date | Expense # | Author of Check | Paid to | For | Amount |
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Submit copies of all receipts with this form.

## Fundraising Worksheet

Community Group: \_\_\_\_\_

| Donor Name | Donor Address | Amount \$ | Thank You<br>Note Sent<br>0 | Date \$<br>Received |
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## ***Volunteer Sign-up Sheet***

Community Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Buckthorn Bust Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-committee Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Assignment</b> | <b># Hours Worked</b> |
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Form used to plan Buckthorn Bust and track volunteer hours

## Buckthorn Bust Participation Form

Thank-you for your interest in the Buckthorn Bust! It's volunteers like you will make this project a success! Please fill out this form and *MAIL TO*: \_\_\_\_\_.

| <b>BUCKTHORN BUST</b> |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Date</b> _____     |  |
| <b>Day</b> _____      |  |
| <b>Time</b> _____     |  |
| <b>Location</b> _____ |  |

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### Homeowner Participation Form

*NAME* \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*PHONE* \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Yes, I will have my buckthorn cut, stacked and ready for pickup on day of the *Buckthorn Bust* by 8 a.m.
- ☐ I need information on how to properly stack buckthorn for pick-up and chipping.
- ☐ Yes, I want information about buckthorn removal strategies and
- ☐ Yes, I want information about plant replacement and design
- ☐ Yes, I would be interested in attending a buckthorn or plant design workshop
- ☐ I need assistance with cutting/hauling/stacking buckthorn from my property.

**Thank you for your help!**

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### Volunteer Participation Form

*NAME* \_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS* \_\_\_\_\_

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*PHONE* \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I would like to assist individual homeowners who are participating in the *Buckthorn Bust* with cutting, hauling, and stacking of buckthorn
- ☐ I would like to help with organizing the *Buckthorn Bust*
- ☐ I would like to help organize a buckthorn workshop
- ☐ I would like to bring refreshments to a buckthorn workshop or *Buckthorn Bust*

**Thank you for your help!**

## ***Before Buckthorn Bust Worksheet***

| <b>Activity</b>                                        | <b>Person/Group Responsible</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Date Assigned</b> | <b>Date Completed</b> |
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| Coordinate Project                                     |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Plan Committee Meetings                                |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Seek Technical Expertise                               |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Inventory Buckthorn                                    |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Review Plan                                            |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Approve Plan                                           |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Get Permits (if necessary)                             |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Get Photographer                                       |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Reserve Borrowed Tools                                 |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Recruit Set-up Crew                                    |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Recruit Clean-up Crew                                  |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Monitor Buckthorn<br>Resprouting After Planting        |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Recruit<br>Volunteers/Confirm/Remind                   |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Call Gopher State One Call<br>(Locate Utilities)       |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Make Map of Site                                       |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Stake and Review Removal<br>Locations                  |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Prepare Thank You Rewards<br>for Volunteers/Homeowners |                                 |              |                      |                       |
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## *Equipment & Supplies Worksheet*

| Quantity | Where its Available | Item Needed | Shipping Cost/Unit Cost                                                        | Estimated Total Cost including Sales Tax |
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

### **What is so bad About Buckthorn?**

Imagine a piece of land that is one enormous thicket of buckthorn. There would be no diversity of plants, nowhere for songbirds to nest in the lower canopy, and only one type of fruit for small animals. This is what is happening to our urban woodlands.

Buckthorn is an invasive, non-native shrub that was introduced to North America during the 1800's. Buckthorn was planted as a popular hedge material. Even though buckthorn makes a nice full hedge in a yard, it also makes an impenetrable, messy thicket in parks, roadsides, forests, and your neighbor's yard.

Each buckthorn fruit produces 2-4 seeds that remain viable for up to six years! Birds eat these buckthorn fruit and then deposit the seeds everywhere on the fly. Because buckthorn tolerates shade, full-sun, drought and bad soil, it thrives just about anywhere. As a result, buckthorn quickly moves from pruned, well-kept yards and invades other areas.

Buckthorn is detrimental to the health and future of forests, prairies, wetlands and parks. It reduces biodiversity, destroys wildlife habitat and out-competes other important native plants, completely changing the landscape. For these reasons, in 2001 the Minnesota Department of Agriculture declared both Common and Glossy Buckthorn RESTRICTED NOXIOUS WEEDS. Sale, transportation, or movement of these plants is prohibited statewide by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Still, buckthorn is easily found throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul as well as in every county of Minnesota. Just look for buckthorn in late fall when the native trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves. Buckthorn still has its green leaves often into December. You will not miss it!

So how can you help? Remove buckthorn from your own property before it takes over and destroys the rest of the landscape! \_\_\_\_\_ (group/organization) \_\_\_\_\_ has a removal program to help communities organize a Buckthorn Bust. We need to start removing buckthorn now, before the problem becomes worse. If you are interested in participating in a Buckthorn Bust in your neighborhood or want further information on buckthorn and its removal, call \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ at # \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ or send an email to \_\_\_\_\_ (email address) \_\_\_\_\_.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

## **Busting Buckthorn in Your Neighborhood**

Residents of \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood have a special opportunity to rid their yard of buckthorn, an invasive non-native plant. The neighborhood has organized a Buckthorn Bust, where residents will remove buckthorn from their own property. On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_, a tree service contractor will drive down the streets and pick-up and/or chip the buckthorn from all participating homes at a low cost to property owners. The tree service will not cut down and remove your buckthorn as part of the Buckthorn Bust. That is the participant's responsibility.

Common buckthorn, Columnar Glossy buckthorn, and Fernleaf buckthorn are now classified as noxious weeds by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This means that the sale, planting and transport of them are prohibited as of 2001. When you remove buckthorn from your property, you remove the seed source that birds eat and carry in their droppings to other sites. And when you remove buckthorn, you will help other landscape plants thrive. By removing buckthorn from your own property, you are helping stop the spread of buckthorn to our forests, prairies, wetlands, and parks!

If you want to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the Buckthorn Bust you must sign up in advance. Contact \_\_\_\_\_ (name and organization) \_\_\_\_\_ at # \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ and request a participation form. Looking for fall volunteer opportunities? We can also use volunteer help assisting homeowners that are participating in the Buckthorn Bust. When you sign up, you will receive information on how to remove buckthorn. \_\_\_\_\_ (group/organization) \_\_\_\_\_ will also be having a Buckthorn Bust workshop for participants and volunteers (location and date not yet determined). The deadline for signing up is \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ***Buckthorn Inventory Homeowner Map***

Neighborhood/Block Project Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Address of Resident \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Buckthorn 1-2 months before the Buckthorn Bust.  
 Sketch the house and other large structures on the map below.

Then draw arrows from each character to areas on the map, in order to indicate type of buckthorn on property

| <b>Buckthorn Character</b>  | <div style="position: relative; height: 400px;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, -50%);">N</div> <div style="position: absolute; bottom: 0; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, 50%);">S</div> <div style="position: absolute; left: 0; bottom: 50%; transform: translateY(50%);">W</div> <div style="position: absolute; right: 0; top: 50%; transform: translateY(-50%);">E ®</div> </div> |
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| Female plants               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Tall shrubs (at least 5 ft) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Short shrubs (< 5 ft)       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Seedlings                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Hedgerow                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Other Notes:                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Door hanger Example

**You have BUCKTHORN  
on your property!**



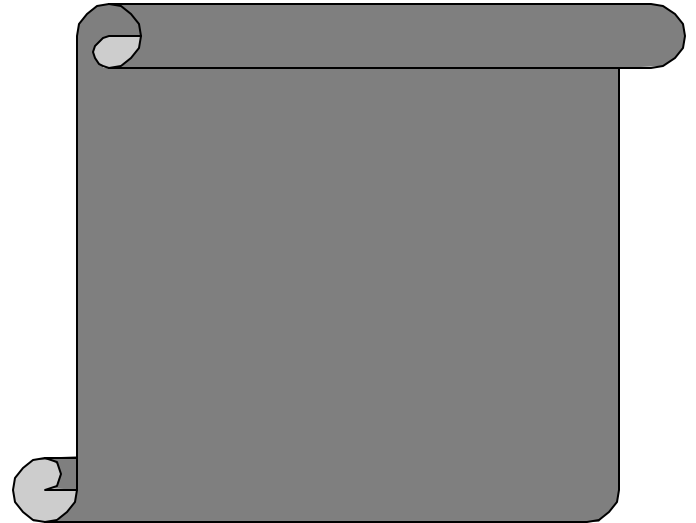
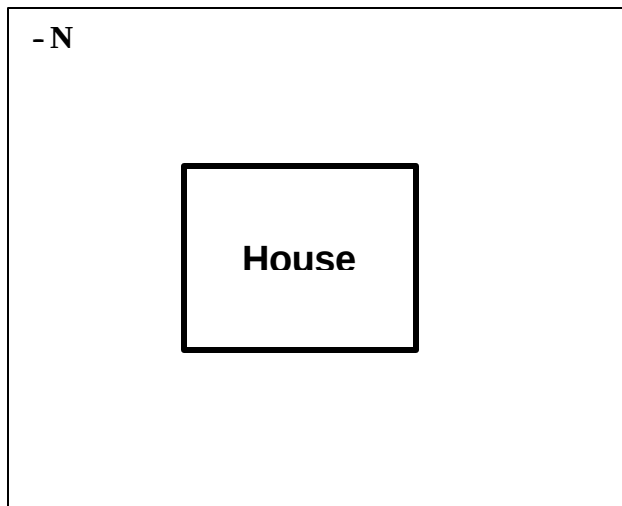
Buckthorn is an invasive, non-native shrub that chokes out native plants in our forests, parks, roadsides and more!

**...but this is YOUR chance to  
HELP remove it!!**

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is organizing a Buckthorn Bust in  
**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Where is your buckthorn?



If you would like to participate in  
Buckthorn Bust:

Call \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

You will then receive information  
about the Bust, including how to  
properly remove buckthorn, how to  
keep buckthorn from returning,  
and suggestions for replacement  
plants.

Feel free to call with any questions  
regarding buckthorn or the Buckthorn  
Bust!

## ***Property Owner Sign-up Sheet***

Neighborhood/Block \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Buckthorn Bust

Buckthorn Bust Contacts \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Need Assistance?</b> | <b>Other</b> |
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Form used to plan a Neighborhood Buckthorn Bust and track participating homeowners.

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Contact \_\_\_\_\_

## **Learn to Remove Backyard Buckthorn**

\_\_\_\_\_ (city/group/organization) \_\_\_\_\_ are sponsoring ***FREE*** hands-on workshops in your area. In conjunction with the neighborhood Buckthorn Bust, the workshops will teach \_\_\_\_\_ residents how to remove buckthorn from their property. The goal of the workshops is to provide support and education to all residents about the buckthorn problem and how they can help. Each resident plays an important role in the management and long-term control of buckthorn in the area. The workshop will also address plant replacement design and how residents can participate in the upcoming Buckthorn Bust. If you would like to find out about what the big deal is with buckthorn this workshop is for you!

Workshop Details:

Name

Location

Day

Date

Time

Call \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number) \_\_\_\_\_ for more information and registration.

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### ***Neighborhood/Block Buckthorn Bust Worksheet***

| <b>Activity</b>                                           | <b>Person/Group Responsible</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Date Assigned</b> | <b>Date Completed</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Post signs with Buckthorn Bust information                |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Give name tags to Buckthorn Team leaders and volunteers   |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Volunteer Orientation                                     |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Greet homeowners                                          |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Organize a breakfast gathering for leaders and volunteers |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Prepare tools/first aid kit/drinking water station        |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Give photographer information                             |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Help homeowners identify Buckthorn                        |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Demonstrate buckthorn removal                             |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Distribute tools                                          |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Supervise removal                                         |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Supervise chemical stump treatments                       |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Snack or lunch break station                              |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Supervise collection of disposed buckthorn                |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Load tools used                                           |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Celebration                                               |                                 |              |                      |                       |
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## ***Public Property Buckthorn Bust Worksheet***

| <b>Activity</b>                            | <b>Person/Group Responsible</b> | <b>Phone</b> | <b>Date Assigned</b> | <b>Date Completed</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Post signs for parking and directions      |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Give name tags to Buckthorn Team leaders   |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Buckthorn Team orientation                 |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Identify and tag buckthorn plants          |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Greet volunteers                           |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Organize a breakfast gathering for leaders |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Arrange tools/first aid kit/drinking water |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Distribute removal tools                   |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Give photographer information              |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Recognize sponsors & volunteers            |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Demonstrate buckthorn removal              |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Supervise removal                          |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Supervise chemical stump treatments        |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Snack or lunch break                       |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Clean-up removal area                      |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Buckthorn disposal                         |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Load tools used                            |                                 |              |                      |                       |
| Celebration                                |                                 |              |                      |                       |
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## ***Buckthorn Bust Equipment Checklist***

| # | ITEM NEEDED                            | WHO WILL BRING IT? |
|---|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Rakes                                  |                    |
|   | Pocket Knife/Utility knives            |                    |
|   | Hand saws                              |                    |
|   | Hand Pruning Shears                    |                    |
|   | Weed Wrenches                          |                    |
|   | Root Talons                            |                    |
|   | Shovels                                |                    |
|   | Gloves                                 |                    |
|   | Chemicals for cut stump treatments     |                    |
|   | Paint Brushes for chemical application |                    |
|   | Water for volunteers                   |                    |
|   | Tim cans for stumps                    |                    |
|   | Hammer and Nails                       |                    |
|   | Buckthorn removal maps                 |                    |
|   | First Aid Kit                          |                    |
|   | Emergency Information                  |                    |
|   | Camera and film                        |                    |
|   | Trash cans                             |                    |
|   | Trash bags                             |                    |
|   | Name Tags                              |                    |
|   | Pens                                   |                    |
|   | Flags for cut stumps                   |                    |
|   | Wheelbarrows                           |                    |
|   | Tarps                                  |                    |
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## Volunteer Buckthorn Buster

Thank-you for your interest in the Buckthorn Bust! It's volunteers like you will make this project a success! Attached to this sheet you will find maps with all of the removal locations labeled, as well as the proper removal method.

### ***Buckthorn Bust***

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Day \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

*You are invited to a removal demonstration:*

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

You team leader is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ph \_\_\_\_\_

*Other members of your team:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ***Personal equipment checklist:***

- ☐ Work or garden gloves
- ☐ Clothes that can get dirty and are protective against thorns (denim, thick shirts)
- ☐ Water to drink
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots
- ☐ Shovel (optional)
- ☐ Hand saw (optional)

**(write your name on all equipment!!!)**

Restrooms are located at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** At the removal site, check the map to see what kind of removal you should be using. Check for tags on larger buckthorn plants to be sure that the right plant gets removed.

## ***Buckthorn Bust Team Leader***

You are a supervisor for a team of volunteers on a Buckthorn Bust.

Date of Buckthorn Bust \_\_\_\_\_

Come to an orientation meeting for Buckthorn Bust team leaders:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

On the day of the Bust, meet your team at

\_\_\_\_\_ for a removal demonstration.

Members on your Team:

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### Equipment Checklist

On Buckthorn Bust day assemble all of the equipment that your team will need.

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| ___ Trash Bags  | ___ Hand Pruning Shears |
| ___ Shovels     | ___ Water Cooler & Cups |
| ___ Hand Saw    | ___ First Aid Kit       |
| ___ Weed Wrench | ___ Gloves              |
| ___ Buckets     | ___ Wheelbarrow         |

Be sure that everyone writes his or her name on every piece of equipment.

## ***Suggested Buckthorn Removal Timeline***

| <b>Task Description</b>                              | <b>Year 1</b> | <b>Year 2</b> | <b>Year 3</b> | <b>Year 4</b> | <b>Year 5</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cut mature shrubs or trees                           | ♦             | ♦             |               |               |               |
| Remove fruit-bearing brush                           | ♦             |               |               |               |               |
| Treat stumps with chemical control or tin can method | ♦             | ♦             |               |               |               |
| Remove seedlings                                     | ♦             | ♦             | ♦             | ♦             | ♦             |
| Plant non-invasives to replace buckthorn             |               |               |               | ♦             |               |
| Continue to monitor buckthorn                        |               |               |               | ♦             | ♦             |

Buckthorn Bust Neighborhood Guide

## ***Volunteer Liability Release Form***

The City of \_\_\_\_\_ and its officers and employees hereby agree to allow \_\_\_\_\_ to enter onto city property know as \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to participate as a volunteer for the purpose of (a) removing common or European buckthorn by cutting with hand tools (b) stacking of downed and cut brush (c) treating of stumps with herbicide from areas designated by representatives of the \_\_\_\_\_.

In order to participate in this activity, I agree to hold the City of \_\_\_\_\_ harmless and waive any right to make claims or lawsuits against the City or anyone working on behalf of the City for any injuries or damages related to the alleged negligence of the City. This waiver does not apply to any injuries or damages that are the result of any willful, wanton or intentional misconduct. My participation in this activity is voluntary and I understand the effect of this waiver on my legal rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Release to be executed on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

***After Buckthorn Bust Worksheet***

| Activity                                                              | Person/Group Responsible | Phone | Date Assigned | Date Completed |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------|
| Write Notes of Appreciation to Sponsors, Volunteers and/or Homeowners |                          |       |               |                |
| Evaluate Buckthorn Bust                                               |                          |       |               |                |
| Check Cut Stumps for Resprouting in Spring                            |                          |       |               |                |
| Prepare Long Range Removal and Replacement Plan                       |                          |       |               |                |
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_

### **Neighborhood Busted Buckthorn!**

On November 2, 2002 \_\_\_\_\_ (neighborhood name) \_\_\_\_\_ residents put on their work gloves, got out their hand saws, and used their muscles to hack away at the invasive woody shrub, buckthorn! More than \_\_\_\_\_ residents and volunteers participated in the neighborhood Buckthorn Bust, where each homeowner removed buckthorn plants from their property and stacked it on the curb for a tree service to pick it up. Together the neighborhood removed enough buckthorn to make \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of chipped buckthorn! That is a lot of buckthorn.

The Buckthorn Bust helped remove a substantial amount of the seed source in the area that is responsible for the spread of buckthorn into our forests, prairies, wetlands, parks and more. Removing the buckthorn *now* will help create healthy beautiful forests and parks in the *future*. "Thank you for all the volunteers and participants that made this Buckthorn Bust a success! We could not have done it without you" said \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_.

If you did not participate in the recent Buckthorn Bust and would like more information about buckthorn OR if you would like information about plant replacement design and selection after the removal of buckthorn, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number) \_\_\_\_\_.

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