

Buckthorn Bust Neighborhood Guide



THIS GUIDEBOOK IS A RESOURCE FOR COMMUNITIES, NEIGHBORHOODS AND INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP REMOVAL PROGRAMS FOR INVASIVE PLANTS—SPECIFICALLY BUCKTHORN.

Buckthorn, an invasive species, can threaten the integrity of the forest, both urban and rural. Invasive plants such as buckthorn reduce biodiversity, destroy wildlife habitat and out compete other important native plants, changing the landscape.

This guidebook provides a step-by-step plan to eradicate buckthorn, neighborhood by neighborhood, or on individual properties. It is a guide that integrates volunteers into the process helping them take ownership and responsibility for buckthorn removal.

The guidebook includes reproducible worksheets to track volunteer hours, budgets, donations, and project timelines. A sample press release is included along with participation forms and all that is needed to complete a successful buckthorn removal project.

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