

## City of Menasha Buckthorn Removal Program

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Program is to remove invasive buckthorn growth in the City of Menasha as determined by the city Parks department. Our first project is to remove the growth at the Clovis Elementary School woodland site on the east end of the school grounds.

The purpose of this document is to outline the activity plans so a detailed program action plan can be developed to ensure the event is successful.

**Timing:** The event will begin at 8 AM and end at noon. All volunteers will be asked to hear a short instructional talk about what will happen that morning at 8 AM.

**Supporting documents:** Please read the attachments so you volunteers understand why we are conducting this event and what we need to do to eliminate these invasive plants and keep them from growing back. There are many native plants that can be used to replace these plants in the landscape!

**Equipment:** Volunteers are encouraged to bring boots, water resistant pants for those kneeling, gloves, and eye glass protection for those spraying. The city will provide gloves and eye safety equipment (for adults) for those that need it. Volunteers as asked to wear winter clothing based on the temperature that day.

The city will also provide spray bottles with a full strength Round-Up mixture in it. This will be mixed with a green colored dye so we can see where we have sprayed the stubs in the snow we now have.

Volunteers will be asked to RSVP for this event so the city can properly plan for the needed materials.

**Staffing:** We propose that we work in groups of 4, one cutting the buckthorn plants, one spraying the stumps, and two carrying away the plants for stacking at the curb.

Cutters will need either a sharp hand saw or pruning clippers that can handle stems of about 1 inch in diameter. Gloves for hand protect will be needed.

Sprayers should be adults which should have both gloves and eye protection. The material we are spraying is a poison, so it will need to be treated that way and only handled by adults during this program.

Carriers will need gloves as the plants have sharp thorns. These individuals will likely be asked to change off with the cutters during the day as cutting can get to be a challenge.

**City Pick-up:** The carriers will take the trees cut to the terrace area along the street and lay the branches with the stub ends pointing in the direction of car traffic so the city staff can come along and chip the trees later that week.

**Communication:** Volunteer leadership groups can request a short presentation on this overall program if it is felt this may increase member participation at the event. Please contact Vince Maas at the City of Menasha to request such a program.