

# Invasive Species Removal in Progress

*Proudly Going Buckthorn-Free!*



Interested in learning more about how to manage invasive species on your property?  
Visit [LCFPD.org/buckthorn](https://LCFPD.org/buckthorn) and [LCFPD.org/nativeplants](https://LCFPD.org/nativeplants) for tips from the experts.

## HELPFUL POINTS FOR CHATTING WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Invasive species like buckthorn are changing iconic landscapes as a whole, especially here in Lake County. We wanted to do our part to help nature get back in balance.

This is a reflection of who we are—we felt it important to take better care of the ecological features around our home. You remember how it used to look; everything was overwhelmed with buckthorn. Removing it gives the native plants a better chance.

You should check out the resources from the Lake County Forest Preserves. They were so helpful! I spoke to one of their staff and they gave me clear, straightforward advice for managing buckthorn on my property. They also connected me to helpful resources.

I got started at [LCFPD.org/buckthorn](https://LCFPD.org/buckthorn).

We thought about the privacy screening for a while, but decided the ecological (and property value) benefits were more important. Plus, there are plenty of native alternatives we're adding to the yard. And if you want, you can do it bit-by-bit rather than all at once.

It can take a minute to get used to the adjustment, but just wait until spring when all the wildflowers bloom underneath the tree canopy and the wildlife returns—it's magical.

*Don't forget to reach out to the Lake County Forest Preserves if you have any questions or need assistance.  
Feel free to also share any helpful feedback from your neighbors.  
Contact [HealthyHedges@LCFPD.org](mailto:HealthyHedges@LCFPD.org) to get in touch!*



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