### HOW YOU CAN STOP BUCKTHORN

1. **Get rid of it**
   Hack back branches and dig up roots before buckthorn fruits. To prevent regrowth, treat or use baggies to cover remaining stumps. For large areas, you could even use prescribed fire or goats to get rid of young plants.

2. **Stop the spread**
   Industrial composters get hot enough to sterilize seedy berries; see if your city’s facility accepts them. If you pull before it fruits, let buckthorn decay in place. And brush off boots after walking through areas with buckthorn.

3. **Follow up (for up to five years!) and replant**
   Pull seedlings and young growth each year. Diverse native plants, like chokecherry or American elderberry, can compete with buckthorn seedlings, so replanting for wildlife habitat has yet another benefit.
HOW TO IDENTIFY BUCKTHORN

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