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## **ANNUAL BURNSVILLE TREE SALE SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

The City of Burnsville has 500 trees ready for sale and a new twist – native shrubs and plants to combat buckthorn - at the annual Tree Sale set for Saturday, April 26. The sale starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. and continues until 11:00 a.m., or until all trees are sold at the former Maintenance Facility located at 75 Civic Center Parkway across the street from City Hall. Quantities are limited and each household may select 2 trees. The Tree Sale is for Burnsville residents only and identification will be checked.

Sixteen total varieties will be offered including: Autumn Blaze Ash, Patmore Ash, River Birch, Whitespire Birch, American Sentry Linden, Royal Red Maple, Autumn Blaze Maple, Sienna Maple, Sugar Green Mountain Maple, Mountain Ash, Spring Snow Crab, Red Oak, Elm Accolade, Lilac Ivory Silk, Hackberry, and Swamp White Oak. Pricing ranges from \$25 to \$40 per tree.

The Forestry Department recommends that homeowners prepare a place in their yard where the tree will be planted before coming to the sale. Keep in mind that trees are not allowed to be planted along the boulevard-15 feet from the curb. Since the trees are provided bare root they must be planted immediately. The trees are locally grown and vary in size from 6-12 feet high.

### **New This Year: Buckthorn Replacement**

Buckthorn is an invasive shrub that grows unchecked in many parks, natural areas, and backyards. Because it creates good screening, residents are often reluctant to remove it for fear of losing backyard privacy. Burnsville encourages residents to remove buckthorn and replace it with native plants. Wildlife attracting shrub varieties available at the Tree Sale at \$3-\$5 for a bundle of five include Gray Dogwood, Pin Cherry, Wild Plum, High-bush Cranberry, Chokecherry, and Crab Apple. Fast growing and deer tolerant wildflowers are offered at about \$3 for a pack of four include Wild Geranium, Ostrich Fern, Large-leaf Aster, Wild Ginger, Columbine, and Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

**More Information:** Burnsville Forestry, 952-895-4508.

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