



VAN BUREN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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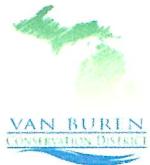
Dear City of Hartford Board Members,

I hope the start of the year has been good to you! We at the conservation district are in full swing, collection season! The Van Buren Conservation District's Recycling Program is growing, and we invite you to partner with us on all that is happening in our communities for our residents. I apologize for the tardiness of this letter; I meant to have this to you several weeks ago.

This year includes the following collections – all of which are FREE to Van Buren County residents and landowners because of millage funding and municipality contributions!

- Tuesday, April 20, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | South Haven Public Works Building | 1199 8th Avenue, South Haven
 - *What Will Be Collected: large tires, tractor tires (must pre-register)*
- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM | South Haven Public Works Building | 1199 8th Avenue, South Haven
 - *What Will Be Collected: large tires, tractor tires (must pre-register)*
- Saturday, April 24, 2021 | 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM | Village of Decatur Transfer Station | 300 W Beers Street, Decatur
 - *What Will Be Collected: passenger tire (must pre-register) and electronics*
- Thursday, May 13, 2021 | 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Covert Township Transfer Station | 76890 34th Avenue, Covert
 - *What Will Be Collected: passenger tires (must pre-register) and electronics*
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 | 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Van Buren Youth Fairground | 55670 CR 681, Hartford
 - *What Will Be Collected: passenger tires (must pre-register) and electronics*
- Saturday, June 12, 2021 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Van Buren County Mental Health | 801 Hazen Street, Paw Paw
 - *What Will Be Collected: passenger tires (must pre-register), electronics, household hazardous waste, and paint*
- Wednesday, July 7, 2021 | 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Columbia Township Transfer Station | 52 ½ Street, Breedsville, MI – a ½ mile north of CR 380
 - *What Will Be Collected: passenger tires (must pre-register) and electronics*
- Monday, July 12, 2021 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Van Buren County Building & Grounds | 753 Hazen Street, Paw Paw
 - *What Will Be Collected: large tires, tractor tires (must pre-register)*
- Tuesday, July 13, 2021 | 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Van Buren County Building & Grounds | 753 Hazen Street, Paw Paw
 - *What Will Be Collected: large tires, tractor tires (must pre-register)*
- Saturday, August 7, 2021 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM | South Haven Public Works Building | 1199 8th Avenue, South Haven
 - *What Will Be Collected: passenger tires (must pre-register), electronics, household hazardous waste, and paint*

As we invite you to partner with us to continue to provide more services and programs for our residents, we ask you to fill out the enclosed Van Buren County Recycling Program Partnership Contract. The funds you contribute will be used to help fund the above-listed events. In addition, filling out this contract and pledging funding for your residents indicates to us that you also have interest in doing one or more of the following with the help of the Van Buren Conservation District and will therefore help us prioritize your



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community as a host community for collections of interest to you in 2022 since we cannot host a collection in every community every year:

- help fund your residents' household hazardous waste, paint, and electronics recycling/disposal
- host a tire, household hazardous waste, and/or electronics collection
- host a year-round electronics collection program
- host a year-round agricultural -icide container program
- host public space and/or roadside cleanup days

In the 2019-2020 fiscal year, Van Buren County residents responsibly recycled and disposed of 10,805 pounds of paint and 7,300 pounds of household hazardous waste. Over 5,500 passenger tires were removed from Van Buren County, and 32,812 pounds of electronics were recycled. Pretty good for a pandemic year!

Last year, it cost \$92,788.58 to run the recycling program. County contributions accounted for \$17,800.00 of those funds, and municipal contributions accounted for \$8,250.00 of those funds. With your partnership, we can expand what we offer our residents and do more to improve Van Buren County for us all.

Please find enclosed the *2021 Recycling Program Contract* for your review and response. **Please fill out and return the contract by August 1, 2021 whether you wish to pledge funding or not.** We want to learn what would benefit your residents and be a more attractive partnership to your municipality. Please sign the contract and email a scanned copy to: resourcerecovery@vanburencd.org or mail the hard copy to:

Van Buren Conservation District
c/o Emilly Hickmott
1035 E. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Once received, the Van Buren Conservation District will issue an invoice (if applicable). Please mention these collections at your board meetings throughout the spring and summer and promote them in other ways throughout your community, as you see fit. If you have any questions regarding the Recycling Program, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support,

Emilly Hickmott
Recycling Coordinator, Van Buren Conservation District
resourcerecovery@vanburencd.org

**2021 Van Buren County Recycling Program
Contract with the Van Buren Conservation District**



The _____ (municipality name) will participate in the 2021 Van Buren County Recycling Program and therefore pledges funding to help support the residents in our municipality to properly dispose of their confidential documents, household hazardous waste, electronics, tires, and more.

The funding you pledge will be used to help support the residents in your municipality to properly dispose of the previously listed materials. In addition, by filling out this contract and pledging funding for your residents, you indicate to us that you also have interest in doing one or more of the following with the help of the Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD) (**Please check all that you are currently interested in**):

- help fund your residents' household hazardous waste, tires, and electronics recycling/disposal
- host a tire, household hazardous waste, and/or electronics collection
- host a year-round electronics collection program
- host a year-round agricultural -icide container program
- host public space and/or roadside cleanup days
- other: _____

Please mark "X" alongside one of the options below to indicate the support your municipality pledges to provide the residents in your municipality.

- Our municipality agrees to contribute \$250.00 to the Van Buren Recycling Program
- Our municipality agrees to fund \$500.00 to the Van Buren Recycling Program
- Our municipality agrees to fund \$750.00 to the Van Buren Recycling Program
- Our municipality agrees to fund \$1,000.00 to the Van Buren Recycling Program
- Our municipality agrees to fund \$1,500.00 to the Van Buren Recycling Program
- Our municipality agrees to fund \$2,000.00 to the Van Buren Recycling Program
- Our municipality is not interested in funding our residents' special recycling and disposal options at this time. We decline the option to be prioritized for other programs at this time.
- Our municipality participates in other special collection opportunities; therefore, our residents are covered through that program. We decline the option to be prioritized for other programs at this time.

Regardless of municipality funding support, Van Buren County residents are welcome to utilize the household hazardous waste, passenger tire, and electronics collections to properly recycle their materials.

Billing and Invoices: After the signed contract is received from your municipality, the Van Buren Conservation District will make a note to submit an invoice to the municipality in August 2021 based on your support selection. The municipality shall pay the invoice amount to the Van Buren Conservation District within 30 days of the date of invoice.

Municipality Contact Information: _____ Township/Village/City (*circle one*)

Supervisor's Email

Clerk's Email

Treasurer Email

Other Email

Other Email

Municipality Signature

Printed or typed name

Title

Signature

Date

If the municipality is not interested in partnering with the Van Buren Conservation District and the recycling program in this way, please indicate why below. If there are other programs you would be more interested in partnering with in the future, please let us know what those programs are.

Van Buren Conservation District Signature

Emilly Hickmott

Recycling Coordinator

Printed or typed name

Title

Signature

Date _____

Contract Signature Page can be sent back to the Van Buren Conservation District the following ways:

Email scanned copy to:

resourcerecovery@vanburencd.org

Mail hard copy to:

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1035 E. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079