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City of Hartford
19 W Main St.
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Dear City of Hartford Council Members,

I hope you're all doing well. The Van Buren Conservation District's Resource Recovery & Recycling Program is growing, and we invite you to partner with us on all that is happening in our communities. 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! Businesses are excluded from all collections except the Large Tire collections.

Recycle Roundup

(HHW, Shred Paper, Electronics, Paint, Passenger & Semi Tires)

- June 15 | 9 AM—2 PM | Van Buren Community Mental Health | 801 Hazen St., Paw Paw
- August 3 | 9 AM—2 PM | South Haven Public Works | 1199 8th Ave., South Haven
- October 19 | 9 AM—2 PM | Van Buren ISD Conference Center | 490 S Paw Paw St., Lawrence

Passenger & Semi Tires & Electronics

- April 27, 2024 | 8 AM - 3 PM | Village of Decatur Transfer Station | 300 W Beers St., Decatur
- May 21, 2024 | 3 PM - 7 PM | Arlington Township Transfer Station | 51998 26th Ave, Bangor, MI 49013
- June 26, 2024 | 3 PM - 7 PM | Keeler Township Hall | 64151 Territorial Rd W. Hartford, MI 49057
- August 15, 2024 | 3 PM - 7 PM | Pine Grove Township Transfer Station | 15797 32nd St., Gobles, MI 49055
- September 9, 2024 | 3 PM - 7 PM | Columbia Township Transfer Station | 18868 52 1/2 St., Grand Junction, 49056

Large Tires (Businesses Included)


- April 22 | 10 AM—1 PM | & April 23 | 4 PM—7 PM | South Haven Public Works | 1199 8th Ave., South Haven
- July 15 | 10 AM—1 PM | & July 16 | 4 PM—7 PM | Van Buren County Building & Grounds | 753 Hazen St., Paw Paw

As we invite you to financially partner with us to continue to provide more services and programs for residents and landowners, we ask you to fill out the enclosed Van Buren County Resource Recovery & 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 community as a host community for collections of interest to you in 2024 since we cannot host a collection in every community every year:





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- 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 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Van Buren County community responsibly recycled and disposed of 15,658 pounds of paint and 24,580 pounds of household hazardous waste. Over 11,229 passenger tire equivalents were removed from Van Buren County, and 87,388 pounds of electronics were recycled.

Last year, it cost \$213,593.09 to run the resource recovery & recycling program. County contributions accounted for \$100,000.00 of those funds, and municipal contributions accounted for \$10,000.00 of those funds. With your partnership, we can expand what we offer and do more to improve Van Buren County for us all.

Please find enclosed the *2024 Recycling Program Contract* for your review and response. **Please fill out and return the contract 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:

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

Thank you for your support,

Kalli Marshall
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