



Van Buren Conservation District Monthly Update

Respectfully submitted by: AJ Brucks, Executive Director

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- ❖ Pre-Orders are Due Friday, April 12, 2019. Orders can be made: <https://shop.vanburencd.org>



- ❖ Household Recycling Collections for hazardous waste, tires, official documents are scheduled for the year! Please see other attached flyers and look for municipality support contracts in the mail.



- **Saturday, May 4:** *tires only* at Almena Township Hall, 9am – 5pm
- **Saturday, June 15:** *hazardous waste, tires, garden pesticides, confidential documents, eye glasses and more* at VBC Human Service Bld. Paw Paw, 9am – 1pm
- **Saturday, August 3:** *tires only* at Arlington Township Transfer Station, 9am – 3pm
- **Saturday, September 21:** *hazardous waste, tires, garden pesticides, confidential documents, eye glasses and more* at South Haven Public Works, 9am – 1pm

- ❖ Van Buren County's [Envirothon](#) Teams took 3rd and 4th place at Regionals and will head to State in May! The VBCD and [Voyager 4-H](#) group have been partnering for two years now to help educate our youth on natural resource topics. We are looking forward to taking these two teams to Ft. Custer and competing against hundreds of other teams from across Michigan.

- ❖ Volunteer! The VBCD looks for volunteers year-round from early this spring to help with tree wrapping, to our insect collections, recycling collections, and extra hands during waste audits at local schools and businesses. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering with our team, please don't hesitate to call or visit [Volunteer Opportunities](#).

- ❖ Now is a great time to link our website www.VanBurenCD.org to your website or "Like" us on Facebook; www.facebook.com/VanBurenCD. Emily has also started a Recycling [Blog](#) and Colleen an [Ag. Twitter!](#)

- ❖ Farming for the Future in March was Excellent! We had 150 local ag producers join us at the VBC Conference Center in Lawrence for our annual, free, full-day farm conference. A big thank you to the ISD for hosting us yet again. The keynote, Gary Zimmer, a WI agricultural consultant, spoke about the basics of carbon-based farming and with feedback received has inspired our local farmers to incorporate biological farming into southwest Michigan practices. We look forward to seeing what is yet to come with soil health and farm conservation around our county!

For more information on any of our programs and projects, please visit the VBCD website at www.VanBurenCD.org.