New Cardboard & Paper Recycling Opportunity

The Van Buren Conservation District, Broken Arrow Recycling, and Pratt Industries, Inc. have partnered to expand cardboard and paper recycling in Van Buren County. RRS has designed, coordinated and implemented this pilot project on behalf of Pratt Industries. The new service is free to both businesses and residents and the quantity that can be recycled is unlimited.

Broken Arrow Recycling specializes in metal recycling and has built several collaborative partnerships with local and regional entities to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials in new and innovative ways. Pratt Recycling is a Pratt Industries company that works with communities and businesses across America to maximize landfill diversion by Harvesting the Urban Forest. Pratt utilizes the paper products collected in the production of its 100% recycled content paper and packaging solutions. RRS (Resource Recycling Systems), based in Michigan, is the largest consulting firm in the country that is specifically focused on material management across the entire supply chain, including recycling and composting.

This three-month pilot program (September through November) may be extended based upon participation levels. To make this pilot project a success, please bring these items to Environ (67901 Red Arrow Hwy, Hartford, MI 49057) from September 1 through November 30:

Cardboard and Paperboard
- Cardboard boxes (must be flattened)
- Cereal boxes
- Other paperboard

Mixed Paper
- Magazines & catalogs
- Soft cover books
- Envelopes and junk mail
- Office paper
- Flyers, postcards, etc.

Recycling cardboard and paper saves trees, reduces CO2 emissions, saves water and preserves landfill capacity. Beginning September 1, businesses and residents can support this pilot program by bringing their cardboard and mixed paper to Environ, located at 67901 Red Arrow Hwy, Hartford, MI 49057. The bins at Environ are available during daylight hours at the front of the property, near the road. Please follow the directions on the signs when choosing which materials to include. For questions about this collection project you can contact the Recycling Coordinator at the Van Buren Conservation District at emilly.hickmott@macd.org.