



Help Protect Our Natural Resources!

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Most Unwanted!

Japanese Knotweed

- Grows fast, up to 10ft. tall
- Strong and vast root system
- Breaks roads, concrete, home foundations
- Bamboo-like canes, green with red in spring/summer
- Heart shaped leaves
- Fluffy white flowers in fall
- Reddish-brown canes/fluffy tops in winter

Managing Japanese Knotweed

- Never cut, dig, or mow
- Any small plant part can root and spread
- Proper treatment in the fall

Kudzu

- Quickly takes over tree lines
- Kills native plants
- Damages transmission lines and home siding
- Dense, leafy vine with three leaflets
- Bright purple flowers
- Bean like seed pods

Have you seen Kudzu?

Report it Immediately!

Van Buren Conservation District
www.VanBurenCD.org
269-657-4030x5

*Report Invasive Species * Plant Identification
Management/Treatment Options * Questions*

Contact the SWxSW Corner CISMA
at the Van Buren Conservation District today!

SEPTIC SAFETY

Do you have a septic system? If you live in the country or outside of city/village limits, you probably have a septic system. Septic systems must be maintained regularly and pumped every 3-5 years to protect human health and keep our streams and rivers clean. Regular maintenance fees are a bargain compared to the cost of repairing or replacing a system.

Keep your septic system in good condition:

- Use water efficiently
- Don't pour grease or food down the drain
- Don't flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper
- Keep trees from growing over drain field
- Get your septic tanks pumped!

*Information * Concern with Issues
Local Septic Companies * Questions*

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RECYCLING

Household Hazardous Waste & Passenger Tire Collections * **FREE**

*HHW— paint, light bulbs, batteries, acids, bases,
cleaners, mercury*

- June 15, 2019 | 9 AM – 1 PM | VBC Human Services Bldg., 801 Hazen St., Paw Paw (**HHW & Tires**)
- August 3, 2019 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Arlington Transfer Station, Corner of 52nd St./26th Ave., Bangor (**Tires Only**)
- September 21, 2019 | 9 AM – 1 PM | South Haven Public Works., 1199 8th Ave., South Haven (**HHW & Tires**)

Space is limited for tires. Residents only.

Must RSVP to 269-657-4030x5

Year-round Electronic Recycling

- Mon.-Sat. 10 AM – 5 PM | Community Thrift Shop, 1000 E. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw
- Items with a cord or that take batteries!
 - \$20/TV & \$10/computer monitors - Everything else is FREE!