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OUR JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN

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Don't Just Recycle, Shred-it

Kudos to Dana Kennedy for her effort to change the way we recycle paper and shred confidential documents. Prior to hiring *Shred-it*™, a document destruction and recycling company, recycling was quite the hassle: employees had to spend time shredding documents a few at a time; confidential and non-confidential paper waste had to be separated; white and non-white paper had to be sorted; plus, we had to be careful about removing staples and paperclips from materials to be recycled.

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Now that we've contracted with *Shred-it*, **any paper goods, confidential or not, white or colored, magazines, newspapers, staples and all can be deposited** into one of many secure bins around the office. A *Shred-it* truck arrives once or twice a month to shred the contents. The shredded materials are then used to make various paper products

such as paper towels and toilet paper.

While there is a nominal fee for this service, it saves an estimated eight hours a month for office staff, not to mention driving time and gas to drop off recycling. With this service, recycling is much easier, any paper products are accepted and everything is shredded and secure. **And the best part, for every two bins we fill, we save another tree.**

Employees are welcome to bring in their personal paper waste as well. Trucks pick up every four weeks at the White Pigeon location (next pickup is June 18th). Just look for the *Shred-it* bins located in the Corporate, Plant 2 and Plant 3 offices. We hope to add this service at other locations soon. Thanks Dana, for the great work!

“There's no business to be done on a dead planet.”

E-Mission Statement

“As we strive to produce the highest quality lumber and provide the very best service to our customers we will do everything within our means to minimize the harm we do to our environment.”

Have a Suggestion?

There are many things we could do to help the environment. If you have any suggestions, please bring them to the committee (regina@bankshardwoods.com).