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## **RECYCLE ANN ARBOR ANNOUNCES FREE SHREDDING EVENT**

**Drop-Off Station to offer free paper shredding May 8-9**

**Shredding helps prevent identity theft**

**Ann Arbor, MI** – Recycle Ann Arbor, a national leader in recycling and waste programs, announces that the Drop-Off Station will hold a free paper shredding event on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. The event is open to all residents and businesses in Washtenaw County, and is being co-sponsored by Shred Legal of Novi, Michigan.

Customers may bring up to 100 pounds of paper for shredding to the Drop-Off Station at 2950 East Ellsworth, just west of Platt Road. All shredded paper will be recycled.

Customers with more than 100 pounds of paper to be shredded must make arrangements before the event by calling the Drop-Off Station at (734) 971-7400. One hundred pounds of paper is approximately four standard banker's boxes, or one 96-gallon trash can.

“Secure document shredding has been the most requested service in the past two years,” said Recycle Ann Arbor CEO Melinda Uerling. “Recycle Ann Arbor is pleased to offer this free secure shredding event to our customers, with the help of our partner, Shred Legal. We hope to offer more shredding events in the future, especially to coincide with tax time.”

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The high demand for secure document shredding directly correlates to the increase in identity theft crimes. In 2005 alone, more than eight million Americans were victims of identity theft. According to the Federal Trade Commission ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)), document shredding is one of the easiest and most effective ways to help prevent identity theft.

The Drop-Off Station is the state's largest community recycling drop-off center. It is open to the public Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and is located at 2950 East Ellsworth Road in Ann Arbor, just west of Platt Road.

Many recyclable items are accepted for free, such as paper, metals, glass, batteries and many electronics. In addition, a wide variety of items is accepted for disposal at minimal cost. All accepted items and fees are listed on the Drop-Off Station page at [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org). Pick-up service is available for large bulky waste items, at additional charge. Dump trailers are available to rent.

Founded in 1977, Recycle Ann Arbor is a leader in the recycling industry, offering easy and convenient recycling for the home and workplace. As a private nonprofit organization, Recycle Ann Arbor is dedicated to providing education and innovative services in the collection, processing and distribution of recyclable materials.

Recycle Ann Arbor started Michigan's first curbside recycling program in 1978, and currently operates the Drop-Off Station, the ReUse Center, the Environmental House green building resource center, the Ann Arbor curbside recycling program, and Calvert's Roll-Off Containers for construction debris recycling.

For more information about Recycle Ann Arbor, please call (734) 662-6288, or visit Recycle Ann Arbor on the Web at: [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org).

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