

# What Is a Community Shred-it Event?



## An Opportunity for Communities to Take Steps to Help Prevent Identity Fraud While Helping the Planet

Community Shred-it Events help neighborhoods across North America promote identity theft protection through safe and secure personal document destruction. At these events, community members can bring in their documents for shredding by on-site teams for free or for a nominal fee. Shred-it branches hold their own events or partner with community groups to raise funds for various charitable causes.

### Shredding and Identity Fraud



#### Identity Fraud Is ON THE RISE

In 2021, there were nearly 1.4 MILLION reports of identity theft received by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).<sup>1</sup>

This resulted in a loss of nearly \$1.5 BILLION.<sup>1</sup>



#### Shredding Can Help

Putting confidential documents in the trash can or dumpster can leave information exposed to criminals. Utilizing a secure shredding service, like a Shred-it Community Event, can help ensure that private information remains safe from outsiders.

### Fast Facts

Shred-it co-owns the **GUINNESS WORLD RECORD** for the most amount of paper collected in 24 hours at **898,931 LBS<sup>2</sup>**

In a single day, one Community Shred-it Event can serve as many as **2,000+ COMMUNITY MEMBERS** and recycle more than **70 TONS OF PAPER<sup>3</sup>**

### What to Bring to a Shred-it Event

- ✓ **Old Financial Documents**  
If not needed for taxes, anything with financial information should be destroyed.
- ✓ **Shipping Labels**  
Shipping labels can have personal information including names and addresses.
- ✓ **Photos**  
Photos can be stolen and used for fake identification.
- ✓ **Duplicates**  
If information is saved on a computer or another document, copies should be shredded.

### What NOT to Bring to a Shred-it Event

- ✗ **Hard Drives**  
These require a special destruction process that will not be offered at Community Shred-it Events.
- ✗ **Batteries**  
Seek guidance from your battery's producer to learn about secure disposal.
- ✗ **Medical Waste**  
Attend your local Drug Take Back Day event to dispose of pharmaceutical waste and contact your local government to learn about other medical waste disposal options.

Source: 1. Federal Trade Commission, [Consumer Sentinel Network](#), 2021. 2. Guinness World Records, [Most Paper Collected in 24 Hours](#), 2017. 3. Shred-it, Average Event, June 2022.

## ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR ELECTRONIC RECYCLING



### COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES

Computers (Desktop & Laptop)	Cables & IT accessories	Printers (Ink & toner & cartridges)	Computer peripherals
Monitors (Flats screen and CRT)	Storage devices (External hard drives, solid state drives, SD cards, memory cards, card readers, etc.)	Gaming devices	Circuit boards/cards
Computer accessories (Mice, Keyboards, Webcams, etc.)	Computer power supplies	Network devices	Media speakers
			Scanners

### OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Copiers & Multifunction devices	Video & audio equipment	Printers	Receivers and transmitters
Fax machines	Phone systems	Plotters	Answering machines
	Projection equipment	Security equipment	

### ENTERTAINMENT EQUIPMENT

Televisions (Flat screen & CRT)	Hi-Fi speakers	Video cameras	DJ Equipment
Stereo equipment	Video players	Game consoles	Cable Boxes (analog, digital, satellite)
	Digital cameras	Accessories & cables	

### DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT

Servers	Power distribution units	Switchgear	Motor generator sets
Storage arrays	Routers and switches	Panel board	Server racks
Network related equipment	Cabling	Mainframe computer equipment	

### COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Rechargeable Dry Cell Batteries (Nickel Hydride, Lithium Ion)	Microwave Ovens	Watches	Curling Irons
Small Home Appliances	GPS Units	Power Tools	Fans
	Wires & Cables	Christmas Lights	Vacuums
	Fitness Trackers/Smart	LED Strips	

### MOBILE DEVICES

Cell phones/Smart phones	Tablets	MP3 players
	PDA's	Cameras

### LAB EQUIPMENT

Defibrillators	Spectrometers	Anesthesia Units	Portable Oxygen Concentrators (no O <sup>2</sup> tanks)
IV Pumps	Ultrasound Equipment	CPAP Machines	

### UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

**Hazardous or Regulated Materials:** Devices containing mercury, Household hazardous waste, Radioactive materials, Devices containing PCBs, Propane tanks, Vaping devices and e-cigarettes, Medical sharps.

**Refrigerant-Bearing / Cooling Appliances:** A/C Units, Water Coolers, Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, wine chillers, etc.)

**Damaged or Small Household Batteries:** Loose or common household batteries (AA, AAA, D, C, Button Cell etc.), Damaged or defective or recalled or swollen or burned or leaking batteries.

**Media & Consumables (Non-electronic):** CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, Cassette tapes, Re-manufactured or off-brand or generic toner, Paper for shredding.

**Other Unacceptable Materials:** Broken or bare CRT TVs or monitors, Gas-powered equipment, Large appliances, materials containing liquids.

# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

*Hosted by Monroe County*

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Please read all information carefully before coming to the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event.

LIMITS: 30 gallons of liquid wastes, 75 pounds of solid waste.

Do Not Bring Small Amounts of Latex Paint-

How to Dispose of 1/3 Gallon or Less (in a one-gallon can) of Latex Paint:

Remove and discard the paint can lid. Set the can in a place where it will not be disturbed and allow the contents to fully dry and crack. Or, add clay-based kitty litter or other absorbent material until the can is half-full, stir, allow to harden 1 or 2 days, and discard in trash.

Do not put the lid back on the paint can. Trash haulers will not accept paint cans if they can't see the dried contents.

It is important that you read the DOs and DO NOTs below before packing your vehicle!

DO...

- Use caution (and gloves) when handling HHW. Keep products in their original container. If not in the original container, clearly hand-label the contents on the container. Do not mix products together.
- Separate incompatible HHW product categories (pesticides, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, acids/bases, etc.) into their own different cardboard boxes. If the HHW containers are in poor condition, line the box with an open plastic bag—do not seal or tie the bag closed. Place crumpled newspaper between breakable containers.
- Pack smaller products (quart or smaller paints/stains, aerosols, car products, etc.) in cardboard boxes.
- Load the HHW as far away from passengers as possible and open a window sufficiently for ventilation. Protect your trunk and/or floor from spills.
- Drive directly to the collection facility. For your safety, you must remain in your vehicle during the unloading process. Trained staff will remove the HHW.

DO NOT...

- Pack HHW in plastic bags only or in any container you would like returned (except for authorized gasoline/kerosene cans).
- Bring children or pets to the collection facility.
- Bring any empty containers or materials listed as unacceptable (they will be left with you).

- Bring over the waste quantity per appointment limit (anything over will be left in your vehicle or a fee may be charged).
- Smoke at the facility or while packaging or transporting HHW.

## ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- NEW = We now accept household Pharmaceutical Waste (prescription and over-the-counter)\*
- Oil-based Paint
  - Latex Paint (for 1/3-can or less of latex paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, stir, let dry, place can(s) in trash)
  - Wood Stain and Preservatives
  - Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
  - Pesticides and Fertilizers
  - Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents, glues, etc.)
  - Household Cleaners (soaps, waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
  - Driveway Sealer
  - Propane Tanks (1 and 20-pound only)
  - Pool and Photo Chemicals
  - Rechargeable (Ni-Cad), Lithium Ion and Button Batteries -- Note: NYS Law requires retailers of these batteries to accept them back (Lowe's, Radio Shack, Target, WalMart, etc.).
  - Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent tubes; Note: Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs) should be brought to any Home Depot/Lowe's for recycling) - [click here](#) for small mercury spill instructions. If a CFL or fluorescent tube breaks in your home, [click here](#) for information. For information on NYS law regarding the management of mercury-added consumer products, [click here](#). Effective July 1, 1995, NYS law requires hospitals and nursing homes to accept properly-contained home medical waste for disposal.
  - Cooking Oil/Cooking Grease

## MATERIAL NOT ACCEPTED/ALTERNATE DISPOSAL METHOD

- 1/3-Can or Less of Latex Paint (see instructions above)
- Cans with Dried Paint—remove lid and place in trash)
- Used Motor Oil and Lead Acid Batteries (contact service station or retailer)
- Freon-containing items like dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc. (contact your garbage hauler for pick-up -- there will be an additional charge for this service - these items may also be brought to the ecopark for a \$20 fee - debit/credit card only.)
- Empty Containers (place in trash or recycle)
- Everyday Alkaline Batteries (place in trash)
- Glazing/Spackle, Unused Concrete Mix and Joint Compounds (trash)

- Grout/Joint Compound (trash)
- Quikrete (dry concrete mix) (trash)
- Asbestos (see Yellow Pages under “Asbestos Abatement”)
- Products intended for industrial use
- Explosives/Ammunition/Black/Smokeless Powder (Call 9-1-1)
- Shock Sensitive Materials (i.e. crystallized ethers, picric acid) (Call 9-1-1)

TIPS =

Do Not over-buy (buy a quart of paint for smaller jobs instead of a gallon. Ask paint sales person for proper amount needed).

Whenever possible use up products as directed.

Share unused products with friends.

DO NOT allow latex paint to freeze.

\*NOTE: In addition to the ecopark location, Monroe County offers safe free disposal of unwanted, unused or expired residential pharmaceutical wastes at other selected sites. For more information on this program go to [www.monroecounty.gov/hhw](http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw)

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For more information on other Monroe County recycling programs (including: electronics, scrap metal, bulky plastic, cardboard, etc.) please visit <http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark>