

# The Westchester County Mobile Shredder is coming to Rye!

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Rye Recreation Tennis Parking Lot, 281 Midland Ave

**\*\*The Tennis Lot is the parking lot in front of the tennis courts on the north side of the softball/soccer fields on Midland Avenue.**

The Mobile Shredder is sponsored by the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities. Contact: Recycling Helpline: (914) 813-5425

Shredding personal documents serves a double purpose-- to recycle paper as well as protect sensitive information against identity theft -- the fastest growing crime in the nation. Westchester residents can bring up to four file-sized (10"x12"x15") boxes of confidential papers per household. Remove all large binder clips and covers. Papers from businesses, institutions or commercial enterprises are not acceptable and will be rejected, as will any junk mail or newspapers.

## **Important Information:**

Service at the events works on a first-come-first-served basis, as the Mobile Shredder unit can reach its maximum capacity before closing time. In extreme weather, events may be cancelled or terminated early. It is important to be aware of the material you bring to be shredded. No matches, lighters or anything combustible is allowed and staff at the events will be checking the material prior to being shredded. Residents are required to stay in their vehicles and staff will attend to you. This is for your own safety. No walk ups, please!

## **Kinds of documents to shred**

Remember, it's best to shred documents you are no longer using that contain personal identifying information such as name, address, phone number, credit card number or social security number. Such documents should be shredded before they are thrown out for recycling. Some examples are:

- expired credit card statements and receipts
- old tax returns or any other personal documents containing you name, address or other identifying information.
- pre-approved credit card applications
- licenses

As this service is gaining in popularity, residents should be prepared to wait as lines are sometimes long. However, you can reduce the wait time by coming prepared. This means you have removed all metal clips, fasteners, binders, folders and hard covers and placed the papers loosely in a box. Hard covers – cardboard or plastic covers on items such as ledger books, marble composition books and hard-cover books – cannot be shredded and will be turned away. Residents must rip pages out from hard cover books for shredding and throw the covers in their regular household trash. Up to four boxes of papers are allowed for shredding.

For more information about identity theft, call the Dept. of Consumer Protection (914) 995-2155. For questions about recycling, call (914) 813-5425, the Recycling Helpline.

For more information about the mobile shredder, visit the Westchester County Department of Environmental Protection Mobile Shredder page.