

# Residential Shredding

## What documents should I shred?



### Documents you should shred

A strong [paper shredding](#) program can help you and your company comply with the various [State and Federal Laws](#). Massachusetts Privacy laws mandate that you protect the private information of your employees, clients and patients. In order to be compliant with the various state and federal laws and protect yourself, stockholders, employees, and customers/patients, you should destroy and shred all confidential and outdated documents.

- [Shred](#) any document that contains confidential material such as designs, proposals, plans, and drafts of such information.
- [Shred](#) any document which could be used for the purpose of identity theft like social security numbers, customer lists, credit applications, tax returns, etc...
- [Shred](#) any document which could cause harm in the hands of criminals or competitors such as canceled checks, price lists, business plans, credit card numbers, etc..

Shred any document which is mandated to be protected by privacy laws such as [HIPAA](#) (for health care providers), **GLB** (for financial industry) or [FACTA](#) (for general businesses). Small list of what should be shredded to protect yourself and your company:

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• Application for jobs	• Customer Account	• Organization Charts
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audits Documents</li><li>• Bank Account Data</li><li>• Bank Reports</li><li>• Bids &amp; Quotations</li><li>• Brokerage Reports</li><li>• Business Projections</li><li>• Canceled Checks</li><li>• Classified Information</li><li>• Client Lists/Files</li><li>• Competitive Intelligence</li><li>• Computer Reports</li><li>• Confidential Letters</li><li>• Contracts</li><li>• Correspondence</li><li>• Credit Card Statements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lists</li><li>• Debit Card Numbers</li><li>• Drivers License Numbers</li><li>• Employment Information</li><li>• Engineering Drawing</li><li>• Executive Letters</li><li>• Financial Reports</li><li>• Insurance Policy Info</li><li>• Inventory Records</li><li>• Invoices</li><li>• Legal Documents</li><li>• Maps &amp; Blueprints</li><li>• Market Research</li><li>• Marketing Development</li><li>• Medical Records</li><li>• Meeting Minutes</li><li>• New Product Data</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdated Business Records</li><li>• Payroll Reports</li><li>• Personnel Data</li><li>• Photographs</li><li>• Presentations Price Lists</li><li>• Price/Inventory Lists</li><li>• Product Proposals</li><li>• Profit &amp; Loss Statements</li><li>• Proposals and Quotes</li><li>• Receipts/Invoices</li><li>• Signatures</li><li>• Social Security Numbers</li><li>• Tax Records</li><li>• Telephone Numbers</li><li>• X-rays</li></ul>
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Always destroy any item, which could cause harm to your business, your employees, your customers, or the general public. The following are some examples of items other than paper, which should be destroyed.

It was discovered that thieves were stealing the empty and outdated product packages, which had been discarded for various reasons. The thieves filled the packages with inferior product and sold the packages at a flea market. This caused both lost sales and a significant deterioration in the value of the brand name. In more than one case, it was suspected that company employees knew the empty packaging was thrown in the garbage and they took it.

## Shred Out Of Date Documents and old Uniforms

Out of date products and documents that are thrown in the trash can come back to haunt you! These items can also be retrieved by dumpster divers and sold on the black market or at flea markets. Uniforms (including private security guard, police, fire, public safety employees), as well as identification badges should be shredded.

The day to day functions of any business will produce a surprising amount of information that could be used against the business by it's competitors. This list includes; Internal Memos, Drafts of Documents, Quotes, Financial Printouts, Meeting Notes, Employee Records, Pay Stubs, etc.

An estimated \$100 billion a year is lost to information thieves! Did you know that there is NO LAW against Dumpster Diving? After your business has disposed of it's documents, it has no claim to it's privacy.

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Unfortunately, one of the weaknesses of any business is disgruntled employees. Countless new businesses are started by customer lists from an existing business. An easily implemented security plan is the only way to ensure that an upset employee will not make a mistake that they and/or your business could regret for a long time. Put one of our locked bins in your office and this problem is easily solved. Check out [New Hampshire Document Shreding](#)

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