

# What is a Community Shred-it Event?

Community Shred-it events raise awareness about identity theft and fraud by reminding neighborhood residents about the importance of securely destroying personal documents. They are held in communities all over North America and offer neighborhood residents with an opportunity to have their personal documents destroyed for free or for a nominal fee, by on-site shredding trucks. Shred-it branches hold their own events or partner with community agencies to raise funds for various charitable causes.



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**

Shred-it is also proud to co-own  
**THE 2017 GUINNESS  
WORLD RECORD**  
for the most amount of paper  
collected in 24 hours at

**898,931 LBS**



**These are secure PAPER document destruction events, we cannot shred:**

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Large metal objects (staples, paperclips, butterfly clips okay)
- ✗ Sharp objects
- ✗ Ink cartridges and toners
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Pressurized containers
- ✗ Medical waste (pills, syringes, etc.)
- ✗ X-rays
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Cardboard tubes
- ✗ Hard drives
- ✗ Product samples
- ✗ Most non-paper material
- ✗ Electronic media (USB sticks, backup magnetic tapes, computer backups, CD-ROMs/CD-Rs/DVDs, videotapes, cassette tapes etc.)



**Sources:**

- 1 2017 Identity Fraud Study, Javelin Strategy & Research
- 2 Guinness World Records, Web <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/most-paper-collected-in-24-hours>, Oct 5, 2017.



**IDENTITY THEFT IS ON THE RISE**

Did you know? In 2016, **15.4 million consumers** - 1 in every 16 adults - suffered some kind of identity theft.<sup>1</sup>

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