



Local Document Destruction 

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Free Shred Day is a Resounding Success; **Identities Protected & Trees Saved**

Tri-Cities & Yakima, WA – Over 500 residents in the Tri-Cities and Yakima participated in this year's Crime Stopper's Identity Theft Awareness Day, taking the opportunity to have their documents shredded and identities protected. CI Shred, Local Document Destruction, supported the event with shred trucks and personnel.

An estimated 9.25 tons of old checks & registers, financial records & statements, legal papers, junk mail and other documents containing personal information were collected and destroyed. In many cases, they'd been sitting around for years. "People are genuinely relieved when they've safely and securely disposed of this stuff!" said a CI Shred employee at one site. The resulting confetti-like material was baled for recycling, an effort that can save 157 trees, 3,515 gallons of oil, 27 yards of landfill space, 37,000 kilowatts of energy and 64,750 gallons of water.

Justin Crume, CI Shred Supervisor commented, "This event is perhaps one of the largest in the country in terms of turn out and volume. People look forward to it every year and it just gets bigger and better."

Document destruction is the easiest, most effective way to prevent identity theft. CI Shred, a division of Columbia Industries, is certified by the National Association for Information Destruction (NAID) and operates the regions largest fleet of trucks. After destroying sensitive documents, all material is recycled. Visit www.CIshred.com or www.naidonline.org for more information on secure document destruction.

Local Crime Stoppers agencies sponsored the event, raising almost three thousand dollars in donations to reduce crime and increasing the quality of life in the State of Washington. Crime Stoppers is a community-based crime solving program.