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Charleston County to Host Free Community Shredding Event

Charleston County Government is offering citizens an opportunity to shred documents for free on Thursday, April 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston.

To avoid having your sensitive information compromised, security experts recommend shredding of the following types of materials:

- Old documents: Papers that carry your Social Security number, birth date, signature, account numbers, passwords or PINs.
- Banking: Canceled or unused checks. Shred deposit slips and ATM and credit card receipts, once you receive
 your monthly statements.
- Credit Cards: Preapproved credit card applications and incentive/gift checks from credit card companies.
- Medical: unneeded medical bills.
- Investments: Investment account statements.
- Obsolete ID cards: Expired driver's licenses, medical insurance cards, and passports.

According to a 2017 Identity Theft study, last year the overall fraud incidence rose 16% to affect 6.15% of U.S. consumers, from 5.30% in 2015 — the highest on record.

- Thursday, April 6
- 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
- Charleston County Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building Parking Lot 4045 Bridge View Drive – North Charleston
- Sponsored by: The S.C. Coastal Chapter of ARMA, Int'l and Iron Mountain

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