

Statewide consumer shredding events offered this fall

Free service from Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit helps consumers guard against identify theft

Wilmington – Attorney General Beau Biden today announced that his Consumer Protection Unit is hosting three free consumer shredding events this fall to help consumers guard against identity theft. Each event will feature free on-site document shredding and staff will be on-hand to provide information and answer questions about consumer frauds and scams.

“Shredding documents that contain sensitive personal and financial information is one important step consumers can take to help prevent identity theft,” Biden said. “That’s why our Consumer Protection Unit provides free shredding events as a public service. In addition, Delawareans can learn much more about protecting themselves from identity theft by visiting www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov or by contacting our Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424.”

Each consumer may bring up to three file-sized boxes of documents, which may contain paper file folders, staples, and paperclips. Emptied boxes will be immediately returned to consumers.

Biden noted that identity theft remains one of the nation’s fastest-growing crimes and reminded Delawareans to help prevent becoming a victim by regularly monitoring their financial accounts for unauthorized activity and limiting information they post about themselves online, in addition to securely destroying unneeded financial documents.

A [study by a national financial services research firm](#) found earlier this year that the number of Americans who reported being the victim of identify fraud increased to 13.1 million

in 2013 – representing one victim every two seconds. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission reports that identify theft remained the top consumer complaint last year.

The fall consumer shredding events will take place as follows:

Saturday, September 27

9 am to 1 pm

Lowe's/BJ's parking lot

Peninsula Crossing Shopping Center, Route 113, Millsboro

Saturday, October 4

9 am to 1 pm

DelDOT Administration Building parking lot

800 Bay Road, just south of the Route 13-113 split, Dover

Saturday, October 11

9 am to 1 pm

Delaware Tech Stanton Campus (lower level parking lot)

400 Stanton-Christiana Road, Newark

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