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SWANCC to Host Document Destruction Events

Wheeling, IL April 10, 2015 – The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) sponsors Document Destruction Events (DDE) to assist residents with recycling out-dated or sensitive documents. There is no cost to participate, but residents must live in one of SWANCC’s member communities and ID’s will be checked for proof of residency. Since 2005, 1,383,840 pounds of paper have been shredded and recycled from SWANCC one-day events.

The following Document Destruction Events will be held from spring through fall.

This spring, summer and fall, SWANCC is coordinating 17 one-day events. No materials from businesses, schools or institutions will be accepted.

Saturday, May 2: Winnetka
*Saturday, May 23: Morton Grove
*Saturday, May 30: Wheeling
*Saturday, June 13: Elk Grove Village
*Saturday, June 20: Prospect Heights
*Saturday, June 27: Niles
*Saturday, July 11: Evanston
*Saturday, July 18: Glenview
*Saturday, July 25: Lincolnwood
*Saturday, August 8: Wilmette
*Saturday, August 15: Hoffman Estates
Saturday, August 29: South Barrington
*Saturday, September 19: Buffalo Grove
Saturday, September 26: Arlington Heights
*Saturday, October 3: Rolling Meadows
*Saturday, October 10: Park Ridge
*Saturday, October 17: Barrington

*In conjunction with an Electronics Recycling Event.

As SWANCC residents drive up in their vehicles, workers will unload the paper documents into large carts. When full, the carts of paper are emptied into the truck’s cross-shredding machine. At the end of
the event, the shredded documents are transported to Groot’s recycling facility in Elk Grove Village and baled before being recycled into new paper.

Typical documents to shred include medical forms, bank statements, personal files and retired tax forms. Staples and paper clips are acceptable, but binders should be removed. Residents will be limited to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. Do not bring paper in plastic bags.

“Every consumer is at risk of identity theft and criminals have gotten very astute at going into garbage cans and recycling bins stealing names, addresses and even bank account numbers”, said Mary Allen, SWANCC’s Recycling and Education Director. “Because of this constant threat, SWANCC wants to assist residents with destroying their personal information, making sure that all shredding is done on site at the host location before being recycled.”

For more information on SWANCC’s Document Destruction Events, or other programs and resources, please contact the Agency at (847) 724-9205 or visit SWANCC’s website at swancc.org.

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About SWANCC:
The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is an intergovernmental agency that was established in 1988 and is comprised of 23 communities: Arlington Heights, Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles, Palatine, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Skokie, South Barrington, Wheeling, Wilmette and Winnetka.

SWANCC provides member residents a variety of waste reduction and recycling services, programs and resource materials. These include collections for special materials that cannot go into the curbside recycling cart or should not go into the garbage due to toxicity or recoverability, such as: computer and electronics, prescription drugs and sharps, compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, mercury thermometers, holiday lights and batteries. Visit swancc.org for more information.

About Accurate Document Destruction:
Accurate Document Destruction has been in the shredding business since 1993. They make house calls to residents for shredding as well as businesses and large corporations, who by law have to destroy their confidential material. All the shredded paper is recycled into reusable resources. With today’s stringent compliance regulations, Accurate also provides assistance to companies with shredding policies and procedures along with employee training and awareness. Accurate was awarded the “Complaint Free” award from the BBB for services provided last year and have consistently had an A+ rating. For information, please visit shredd.net.