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RECYCLE TOMPKINS AND CHALLENGE OFFER FREE SHRED DAY NOVEMBER 17TH

(Ithaca, NY) - The Tompkins County Department of Recycling and Materials Management is partnering with Challenge Workforce Solutions to offer a free Confidential Document Shred Day for all Tompkins County residents.

The event will take place Saturday, November 17th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the parking lot of the Recycling and Materials Management Office at 122 Commercial Avenue, Ithaca.

County residents are invited to bring two standard file boxes - or no more than 20 pounds - of paper documents, which will be placed in locked bins to be shredded offsite. Challenge staff will be on hand to issue signed Certificates of Destruction, demonstrate their shredding machines, and provide quotes for larger jobs. All shredded paper will then be recycled.

“Tompkins County has had a long-standing contract with Challenge for the shredding of confidential documents,” said Leo Riley, Deputy Director of Recycling and Materials Management. “We look forward to partnering with Challenge for this Shred Day and promoting their services to the general public.”

Established in 1968, Challenge is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating pathways to employment for people with disabilities and other barriers. Its in-house shredding operation provides valuable training opportunities for pre-vocational program participants while offering the industry’s most competitive rates.

The Shred Day event is being held to mark America Recycles Day, the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Staff from the Department of Recycling and Materials Management will be available to answer questions about recent changes in the recycling markets and provide information on items accepted for curbside recycling and at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center.

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