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Protect yourself from identity theft at
Newport News Sheriff's Office FREE Shred Day

Plus the NNPD & DEA Conduct Prescription Drug Take Back

The Newport News Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting citizens from being victimized by identity theft. They continue their partnership with Stealth Shredding, Inc. and will offer a **Shred Day, Saturday, April 28th from 11:00am-2:00pm**. This event is **FREE** and Open to the Public. It will be held at the Farmer's Market on Jefferson Avenue at 29th Street in Newport News.

Destroying personal identifying documents is one way to keep a thief from using your good name to conduct unscrupulous business. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), nine-million Americans have their identities stolen each year. What do the thieves do with those identities? They can rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, and establish utility accounts in the victim's names, etc. The victim may not discover the theft until a debt collector comes knocking.

Coinciding with the Newport News Sheriff's Office shredding event is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The DEA and NNPD will have three drop-off locations in Newport News. *One* is at the same place (10am-2pm) as the Sheriff's Office shredding event. Citizens can take advantage of one location for two important disposals. The drug take back is to safely get rid of unused and expired medications. Medications that are not disposed of properly pollute water supplies and can cause harm to children, pets, and others.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding, Inc.

WHAT: FREE SHRED DAY! *Open to the Public*

WHEN: Saturday, April 28th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Farmer's Market
Jefferson Avenue @ 29th Street
Newport News, VA