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RE: Free Shredding for Madison County Residents

The Madison County Dept of Solid Waste and Sanitation will offer FREE shredding of personal papers and other confidential documents on Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to Noon in the parking lot of the County Office Bldg. in Wampsville.

Solid Waste Director James Zecca, Recycling Coordinator Sharon Driscoll and the crew from PROSHRED of East Syracuse will be on hand to assist residents interested in taking advantage of this FREE offer to shred up to three boxes of confidential material on site June 21.

PROSHRED has recently contracted with Madison County to take care of the shredding needs of a number of County departments. Offering free shredding to residents is one of the many services provided by this East Syracuse Company. For more information call the Recycling hotline at 1-800-721-2208.

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Tree Trivia

- ❖ Each year the average American uses 681 pounds of paper the equivalent of one 100-foot tall tree, 18 inches in diameter. Recycling paper saves trees, energy and water.
- ❖ The United States uses 100 million tons of paper a year and use is increasing. Paper accounts for about 40 percent of all municipal waste.
- ❖ Can tossing your used paper in a recycling bin instead of the garbage really make much difference? Yes. Your environmental responsibility can give new life to used paper.
- ❖ Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.

- ❖ Paper recovered from recycling accounted for 37 % of all fiber used by the U.S. paper industry in 2003. More than 80% of all paper mills in the U.S. use recovered paper to make new products.
- ❖ Making new paper and other products from recycled paper saves between 60 to 70 percent of the energy that would be used in the manufacturing process if these products were made from virgin pulp.
- ❖ When it comes to recycling, we can all do our part! In the U.S. today, 50.3% of all paper Americans used was recovered in 2003, that's nearly 48 million tons. More paper is recovered in America for recycling than all other materials combined!
- ❖ The United States has about the same amount of land covered by trees as it did 100 years ago.
- ❖ Each year, 1.5 billion trees are planted in the United States
- ❖ A healthy, vigorous and growing forest actually consumes massive amounts of carbon dioxide from the air.
- ❖ The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska. On January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. – Thus, J. Sterling Morton is the father of Arbor Day.
- ❖ The oldest living thing on earth is a 4,700-year-old bristle cone pine tree located in California.
- ❖ The poem "Trees" that begins, "I think that I shall never see, A poem lovely as a tree", was written by Joyce Kilmer