

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY

3 shredding stations will be set up in the following Caisse Desjardins de Vaudreuil-Soulanges service centres

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Take advantage of Shredding Day in Vaudreuil-Soulanges Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(Vaudreuil-Soulanges, May 1, 2019) – On Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, residents and non-profit organizations of Vaudreuil-Soulanges will be able for a fourth consecutive year to take advantage of a document shredding day to destroy their expired confidential documents. Three collection sites will be set up in the parking lots of the Caisse Desjardins de Vaudreuil-Soulanges at the following service centres: L'Île-Perrot (100 Don-Quichotte), Saint-Zotique (1004 Principale) and Vaudreuil-Dorion (3210 de la Gare).

Thanks to a partnership between the Sûreté du Québec, Iron Mountain and Desjardins Vaudreuil-Soulanges, this fraud and identity theft prevention procedure is offered free of charge, since it aims to reach as many people as possible who could benefit from this neighbourhood service. Documents that may be shredded include tax forms, documents that contain sensitive information such as your Social Insurance Number or other personal information, expired legal or medical records, and all other personal documents that should be disposed of responsibly.

Teams will be available on each site for four hours to help residents transport documents from their vehicle to the shredder truck, which will scrap everything on site. Users will also be given useful tips, as well as an invitation to enter a contest to win one of three domestic shredders. The draw is scheduled for 2:00 PM the same day. The three winners will be invited to collect their prize as of Monday, May 13th.

When asked to comment on the importance of this annual event, the Chair of the Caisse Desjardins de Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Pauline Thauvette-Leroux, emphasized the importance of remaining attentive and alert to the traps that defrauders can set. *"The Caisse has put in place security procedures to reduce fraudulent activities, such as this shredding day. However, as citizens, we must at all times take a responsible and informed attitude to the way we dispose of documents that could cause harm if they fall into the wrong hands."*

For the Sûreté du Québec, Shredding Day is an opportunity for officers to raise awareness of identity theft. Identity theft occurs when someone obtains another person's personal information or business data without their knowledge or consent and uses it for criminal purposes.

Personal information includes, among others:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Email address
- Phone number

You should be aware that identity theft alone caused losses of \$5.5 million in Quebec in 2018. Therefore, it is important to securely destroy any document that includes personal information.

What should I do if I become a victim of fraud?

If you become a victim of fraud, you should report it to:

- Your local police service (for the Sûreté du Québec, call 310-4141 or *4141 for cell phones)
- Your financial institution
- The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)

In addition, you can request credit agencies to attach an alert to your file to inform lending institutions of the possibility of fraud. The Sûreté du Québec would like to thank its partners for their involvement in organizing this day.

Iron Mountain proudly partners with the Sûreté du Québec and Desjardins Vaudreuil-Soulanges in this fourth Shredding Day to raise awareness about preventing identity theft. We know that defrauders just need some personal information to steal a victim's identity. Accordingly, Steve St-Jean, Director of Transportation, Iron Mountain, Eastern Canada, invites the public to take advantage of this free shredding day to clean up their files and eliminate the risk of identity theft. On May 11th, Iron Mountain will have staff in place at each of the above three Caisse Desjardins service centres to carry out secure, on-site shredding of documents.

As mentioned earlier, Shredding Day is offered to residents of Vaudreuil-Soulanges and regional non-profit organizations. Businesses are not eligible for this service.

In closing, we can report that in 2018, Shredding Day destroyed 20,160 lbs. of paper.

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