## New Bedford Paper Shredding Day, October 3, 2020

The fall Paper Shredding Day will take place on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at New Bedford High School. It will be a contactless event to keep both participants and staff safe.

The shredding event will be held at New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd. All participants and staff must wear masks. Vehicles will enter through the parking lot at Parker Street. When each participant reaches the shred truck, they will remove the boxes from their vehicle and empty boxes into a wheeled shred bin. Participants will take boxes home with them. For safety purposes, participants are not able to watch the destruction of their paper.

All are welcome at the event. Individuals may bring a maximum of two boxes of paper. The shred truck can only take a certain amount of paper, so the limit of two boxes will allow this shred day to serve the greatest number of people. The event will end when the shred truck is full; it's possible it may be before noon. Each box should weigh no more than 30 to 40 pounds.

Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove paper from folders and binders.

Shredding confidential documents helps to prevent identify theft, protect personal information, and prevent valuable resources from being sent to the landfill. The shredded paper will be recycled into new products such as paper towels.

"Identity theft is a growing concern. Everyone must be vigilant in protecting personal information. Shredding your documents is an excellent way to protect yourself and your family," said John Lobo, Neighborhood Liaison, Department of Community Services.

Event is sponsored by New Bedford Credit Union and held in partnership with New Bedford's Department of Community Services, Town of Dartmouth, Town of Fairhaven, and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District. For more information, please visit nbcu4u.com/shred-day/ or newbedfordrecycling.org. Also, call the Department of Community Services at (508) 979-1692 or the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (774) 503-0254 or email Marissa@gnbrrmdistrict.org. ###