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## Free public shredding event at ULethbridge as Nightmare on Shred Street 5 readies for Halloween return

Donations of cash or non-perishable food items to SU Food Bank will be accepted

The nightmare has returned — but for those whose personal papers have been piling up and taking over the file cabinet, this is more of a dream.

A Nightmare on Shred Street 5, the free shredding event offered by the University of Lethbridge's Information Technology Services team, is returning Monday, Oct. 31, 2022. With support from Lethbridge Mobile Shredding and DBS Environmental, free shredding of personal paper



materials, hard drive degaussing and e-waste recycling is available to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness.

"We're really excited to offer this event to the public again and if you've been saving up those personal documents, credit cards, hard drives and electronic devices, here's your opportunity to dispose of them safely," says Diana Flores, records and information manager at ULethbridge. "It's also a great opportunity to support the Students' Union Food Bank, as SU staff will be on hand to collect donations of cash and non-perishable food items."

Identity theft and fraud are among the fastest growing crimes in Canada, and it's imperative to protect yourself from identity thieves by safely disposing personal items. These include:

- Bank statements
- Credit card bills
- Utility bills
- Pay stubs

- Tax documents
- Medical records
- Store receipts
- Electronic files (photos, passwords, personal communications, contact lists, etc.)
- Electronic storage media (hard drives, USB keys, etc.)
- Old credit cards and ID cards

Papers will be shredded on site and there is a limit of six boxes per person; all binders, plastic sleeves and hanging file folders must be removed. There's no need to remove staples, paper clips, elastic bands, coil bindings or binder clips. For non-paper materials, hard drives will be degaussed on site and electronics will be collected for recycling. For more information, visit the Notice Board.

To view online: <a href="https://www.ulethbridge.ca/unews/article/nightmare-shred-street-5-readies-halloween-return">https://www.ulethbridge.ca/unews/article/nightmare-shred-street-5-readies-halloween-return</a>

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