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NWFCU's Shred-it Day helps members reduce their risk of identity theft by properly disposing of paperwork

Herndon, VA – Northwest Federal Credit Union (NWFCU) held its first Shred-it Day on Saturday, August 19, 2006. The event was designed to help the Credit Union's members properly dispose of old statements, tax returns, pay stubs and other personal information that, if simply thrown away in the trash, might end up in the wrong hands. "Dumpster diving" is a popular means of identity theft, one of the fastest growing crimes in America.

The Shred-it truck was parked alongside NWFCU's Enterprise branch in Herndon, allowing members drive-thru access to unload boxes and stand watch as their paperwork was confetti shredded in just minutes. "NWFCU takes identity theft very seriously and we not only want to educate our members about the potential risk that exists in today's world, but we want to help prevent them from becoming victimized," said Juri Valdov, NWFCU President/CEO. "This service is part of our overall commitment to ensure our members' financial information remains safe and secure."

NWFCU chose to partner with Shred-it because of the company's philosophy of total document security. Shred-it representatives are pre-screened, bonded and insured. Not only is all paperwork shredded to 5/8", but it is later recycled into many different types of paper products—a win-win situation for their clients and the environment.

Hundreds of members took the opportunity to thank NWFCU for providing such a hassle-free way to dispose of their personal paperwork. One grateful member said, "This would have taken me a couple months to shred on my own. I'm so thankful to the credit union for doing this." Another exclaimed, "I don't trust a lot of places that do this, but I know you can't go wrong with Northwest!"

NWFCU's Shred-it Day was so popular that the Credit Union plans to provide its members with this free service twice a year; the next Shred-it event will be scheduled for next spring.

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Northwest Federal Credit Union is a full-service financial institution serving select government employees and 300+ companies in northern Virginia. Established in 1947 and headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, NWFCU is dedicated to its members and the surrounding community. The Credit Union currently has more than 84,000 members and assets in excess of \$1.5 billion. For more information, please visit www.northwestfcu.org.

NWFCU: Holds First Shred-it Day for Members



Shred-it parks its truck at NWFCU's branch in Herndon, VA for the Credit Union's first Shred-it Day.



One car after another pulls up to the Shred-it truck, as NWFCU's members take advantage of this free member service.



NWFCU's Shred-it Day made it easy for members to drive up, unload, and stand watch as their paperwork was shredded.