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## County Offers Free Secure Shredding and Medicine Collection Event

The Beaufort County [Solid Waste and Recycling Section](#) of the [Public Works Department](#) continues to offer secure document shredding for Beaufort County residents. The next shredding event will be held November 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until truck containers are full), at the Public Works South site located at [9 Benton Field Road in Bluffton](#). Any types or colors of paper, file folders, or envelopes are acceptable. Staples or paper clips do not need to be removed. Materials can be brought in any container or bag and will be emptied into roll carts for immediate shredding. Only residential quantities will be accepted. No materials from commercial businesses will be accepted. No electronics will be collected at this event.

Medicine collection will be added to this event, with the support of the Beaufort County [Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department](#), the [Beaufort County Sheriff's Office \(BCSO\)](#), [Beaufort Memorial LifeFit](#), and the [U.S. Marine Corps Drug Demand Reduction Team](#). The one-day event is intended to prevent the improper disposal of unused or expired medicine, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Medicines will be collected by BCSO personnel. Residents should keep documents for shredding separate from medicines in order to speed up collection efforts.

For more information about Beaufort County recycling events, contact the Solid Waste and Recycling Division at 843-255-2736 or visit [www.bcgov.net/recycle](http://www.bcgov.net/recycle).

For assistance with proper disposal of unwanted household medicines before or after the collection event, contact the BCSO's non-emergency number at 843-255-3200.