

TIPS & LINKS FOR MANAGING PAPER

Use Your Calendar

• Put "to-do" items (appointments, deadlines, calls to make) directly into your calendar rather than keeping the paper as a reminder

Stop Paper at the Door

- Cancel all magazine subscriptions you don't have time to read
- Toss junk mail directly into the recycling bin
- Follow this link to remove your name from junk mail lists:
 - o https://www.dmachoice.org/MPS/mps consumer description.php
- Follow this link to reduce the number of credit card offers you receive:
 - o https://www.optoutprescreen.com/?rf=t

Protect Your Electronic Documents

- Backup your hard drive regularly or follow this link for an online backup service:
 - o http://carbonite.com/
- Reduce the amount of junk e-mail (SPAM) you receive by using a spam blocker program. To file a spam report with the FTC, follow this link:
 - o http://www.ftc.gov/spam/

Keep Only What's Needed

- Clean out your file drawers at least once a year
- Don't stuff your file drawers with unnecessary papers. Follow this link to see what you should keep and what you can toss:
 - o http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/o,,id=98513,00.html

Prevent Identity Theft

- Invest in a good cross cut shredder and follow this link for a list of the top twenty items you should always shred:
 - o http://www.fellowes.com/Fellowes/site/workspace/workspace article identity 6.aspx
- Order a free credit report three times a year, once from each of the national credit reporting companies. Follow this link to learn more about your rights:
 - o http://www.ftc.gov/freereports
- And follow this link to get your free credit reports:
 - http://www.annualcreditreport.com

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