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Redwood Credit Union hosts free North Bay Shred-a-thons to fight fraud and support local nonprofits

Santa Rosa, Calif., June 17, 2026 — People wanting to protect themselves from fraud and identity theft should start with one simple habit: securely dispose of sensitive documents and outdated electronics. Redwood Credit Union (RCU) is helping North Bay residents safeguard themselves through its series of free community 2026 RCU Shred-a-Thons. In response to record participation last year, RCU has updated three of the five event locations to ensure even more residents can access this growing community service. These events give residents a safe, convenient, no-cost way to shred confidential paperwork and recycle e-waste, while supporting local nonprofits that strengthen our communities. RCU's annual Shred-a-Thons have become so popular that the credit union has moved three of its locations this year to increase the capacity to serve more community members and improve traffic flow for attendees.

"Our Shred-a-Thons are a commitment to both our local communities and our planet," said Brett Martinez, RCU President and CEO. "By helping people securely dispose of sensitive documents, we're protecting them from fraud and identity theft, while also promoting environmental sustainability."

RCU will host five Shred-a-Thons in the North Bay on the following dates:

- **Lake County — Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m.–noon**

Lower Lake High School, 9430 Lake Street, Lower Lake

Donations benefit the Lake County Child Care Planning Council, supporting access to high-quality childcare for local families.

- **Marin County — Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m.–noon**

New location! Marin Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael

Donations benefit SchoolsRule Marin, which funds literacy, technology, health, and arts programs for every public school student in the county.

- **Sonoma County — Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m.–noon**

New location! Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Brookwood Parking Lot (enter via Bennett Valley Road), 1450 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa

Nonperishable food and monetary donations benefit Redwood Empire Food Bank, helping ensure access to nutritious food for those in need.

- **Mendocino County — Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m.–noon**

New location! Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, 1055 North State Street, Ukiah

Donations benefit Plowshares, which provides hot meals and essential resources to vulnerable community members.

• **Napa County — Saturday, August 22, 9 a.m.–noon**

RCU Napa Branch & Campus, 480 Devlin Road, Napa

****Note:** No e-waste collection at this location.

Donations benefit Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center, supporting healthy lifestyles, self-sufficiency, and leadership within Napa's Latino community.

At each event, attendees may bring up to three standard-sized boxes (15" x 12" x 10") of confidential documents for secure onsite shredding by [Shred-It](#). Conservation [Corps North Bay](#) will also collect and recycle e-waste, including old computers, printers, cell phones, and other personal electronics.

In 2025, community participation in Redwood Credit Union Shred-a-thons made a remarkable impact:

- 110,880 lbs. of documents were securely shredded
- 28,805 lbs. of e-waste were responsibly recycled
- The paper recycling alone saved an estimated 948 trees and 387,810 gallons of water

For further RCU Shred-a-thon event details and updates, visit redwoodcu.org/shred or follow Redwood Credit Union on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn.

About Redwood Credit Union

Founded in 1950, Redwood Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial institution providing personal and business banking to consumers and businesses in the North Bay and San Francisco. With a mission to passionately serve the best interests of its members, team members, and communities, RCU delivers many ways for its members to save and build money through checking and savings accounts, auto and home loans, credit cards, digital banking, business services, commercial and SBA lending, and more. Wealth management and investment services are available through Redwood Wealth Management, and [insurance](#) and [auto-purchasing](#) services are also offered through RCU Services Group (RCU's wholly owned subsidiary). RCU ended May at \$10.6 billion in assets and \$13.2 billion in assets under management and serves more than 536,000 members with full-service branches from San Francisco to Ukiah. For more information, call 1 (800) 479-7928, visit redwoodcu.org, or follow RCU on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for news and updates.

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