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## **Howard County's Office of Consumer Protection "Shred ID Theft" event rescheduled for March 10**

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Due to forecasted high wind conditions for tomorrow, March 3, Howard County's Office of Consumer Protection "Shred ID Theft" event, held in partnership with AARP and the Howard County Library System, has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 10. The event will take place at the Library's East Columbia Branch, 6600 Cradlerock Way in Columbia.

Starting at 10:30 a.m., the Office of Consumer Protection and AARP will offer a short FREE presentation on how to select a tax preparer, find free tax preparation services and avoid tax-related scams and ID theft. From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or until the truck is full, there will be a FREE paper shredding event for Howard County residents in the library's parking lot. Advance registration is encouraged for both the presentation and paper shredding. To register, visit AARP's website: <https://aarp.cvent.com/HoCoshred>.

The "Shred ID Theft" is held in conjunction with National Consumer Protection Week, which runs from March 4 to March 10 and is a time to help people understand their consumer rights, make well-informed decisions about money and learn how to spot scams.

For more information about the event, visit [www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/consumer) or call the Office of Consumer Protection at 410-313-6420 (voice/relay).

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