

RECORDS DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATE INSTRUCTIONS

The Records Destruction Certificate is a fielded Microsoft Word form that should be used by Records Officers to document destruction of records at an agency. A printed copy of the completed and signed form should be sent to the Public Records Division.

Fill in the data on the Records Destruction Certificate (form PRD 50) as follows:

- **Date:** Enter the month, day, year the Certificate is prepared.
- **Cabinet/Local Jurisdiction:** Enter your agency's cabinet or local jurisdiction.
- **Department/Local Government Office:** Enter the name of department or local government office which falls under the entity listed above.
- **Division:** Name of division which falls under entity listed above.
- **Branch/Unit:** Name of branch or unit which falls under entity listed above.
- **Schedule Date:** The month and year the current Records Retention Schedule for your agency was approved by the State Archives and Records Commission. This information can be found on the signature page which accompanies the retention schedule or the top right-hand side of an individual schedule page.
- **Destruction Date:** Indicate the date the records were disposed of.
- **Destruction Method:** Indicate the method used to dispose of the records, i.e., landfill, trash, recycle, shred, etc. using the pull down menu.
- **Series No.:** Enter the series number from your agency's Records Retention Schedule or applicable general schedules for the record(s) you are destroying. Multiple series can be recorded on the Destruction Certificate.
- **Title Records:** Enter the title of the record(s) exactly as shown in your agency's Records Retention Schedule, or the General Schedule for State Agencies.
- **Date Span:** Give the inclusive (oldest and most recent) dates of the records destroyed.
- **Volume:** Indicate the amount of each series of records destroyed. This may be in cubic feet (if the records are in paper format), megabytes (if the records are in digital format), or some other unit of measure (for other formats). If the records are in other formats, click the box next to the empty field and complete that field.
- **Total Volume of Records Destroyed:** Enter the total volume of records destroyed.
- **Approvals and Certifications:** Agency Records Officer or records custodian signs and dates the form, certifying destruction of records.

Forward the original signed copy of the Records Destruction Certificate, plus one photocopy, to either the State Records Branch (if it is a state record) or the Local Records branch (if it is a local record) of the Public Records Division, 300 Coffee Tree Road, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602. Retain one paper or electronic copy for your agency's files.

