



2026 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Shred Fest and Small Electronics Recycling Event Announcement

When: Friday, 6/12/2026
Where: Warner Park (2930 N. Sherman Ave)
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), celebrated annually on June 15th, Dane County Adult Protective Services (APS), in collaboration with Pellitteri Data Destruction, the Area Agency on Aging and Dane County Waste & Renewables, is holding a Shred Fest and Small Electronics Recycling event on Friday, June 12th at Warner Park (2930 N. Sherman Ave, [Directions to Warner Park](#)) from 11:00am – 1:00pm).

Financial exploitation, financial abuse and financial scams are the leading types of elder abuse each year in Dane County and across the state.

In 2025, an estimated \$6.1 million was reported as having been lost to financial exploitation by older adults in Dane County alone and an estimated loss of \$100,000,00 statewide. Of the \$6.1 million estimated loss in Dane County, only about \$750,000 was able to be recovered. It should also be noted that these are estimated amounts only for reported cases – many more go unreported and, therefore, money lost is likely even higher.

By confidentially shredding personal documents and recycling small electronics (cell phones, laptops, E-readers & tablets) with identifying information, you are protecting yourself. Documents such as bank statements, old tax returns, receipts, old check books that are not properly destroyed can be obtained by those with bad intentions and used to access your accounts, email and your identity.

Don't be a victim of financial exploitation! Bring your personal documents (up to 3 bags/boxes per vehicle) to be confidentially shredded by Pellitteri Data Destruction Division. In addition, Dane County Waste & Renewables will be accepting small personal electronics for recycling. Electronics which will be accepted are cell phones, laptops, e-readers and/or

tablets. Dane County Waste & Renewables will then ensure your devices are properly and safely recycled protecting personal information which may be stored on them.

Shredding and small electronics recycling will be available from 11:00am – 1:00pm at Warner Park on Friday, June 12th. Volunteers will be on hand to guide you to the appropriate areas at Warner Park and additional volunteers will assist in taking your items from your vehicle to the appropriate recycling areas.

Thank you to Pellitteri Data Destruction, Dane County Waste & Renewable and the Area Agency on Aging for their collaboration on this important event.

We hope to see you there!

