Declutter & Digitize

Ultimate Guide for Sorting Documents





| | Keep hard copy | Scan & store digitally | Retention period | Recycle/ Trash | iScanner tip |
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| Civil Registry Documents: passports; birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates; diplomas; social security cards; adoption papers; powers of attorney; military records; inheritance documents; pension plans. | \otimes | \otimes | Forever | \otimes | Scan your important docs, as things can get lost when you move or travel, and paper receipts fade. |
| Other official legal documents: mortgage paperwork, contracts, investment statements, receipts for major purchases or products under warranty, insurance claims. | ⊗ | ⊗ | As long as effective | ⊗ | |
| Vehicle info: car title, repair receipts, loan payments, records of everything you've done such as oil change, maintenance, etc. | ⊗ | ⊗ | As long as you own it, you'll need these when you decide to sell your car | ⊗ | |
| Tax records. Any financial records related to your tax return. | | ⊗ | 7 year | ⊗ | The IRS doesn't oblige taxpayers to retain hard copies. It's perfectly legit to have digital storage. Scan your tax records and keep them well-organizedin iScanner. |
| Medical records | in case of an open dispute | ⊗ | Forever | \otimes | To easily access medical records, create personal folders in iScanner for family members and even your pets. |
| Medical bills | | \otimes | Up to 3 years | \otimes | |
| Old magazines, catalogs, flyers, coupons, junk mail, various instruction manuals, etc. | | | | \otimes | |