

Maine State Archives Records Center



June 2026

Introduction to the Records Center

Transferring records

Requesting records

Disposition notices

Contact information

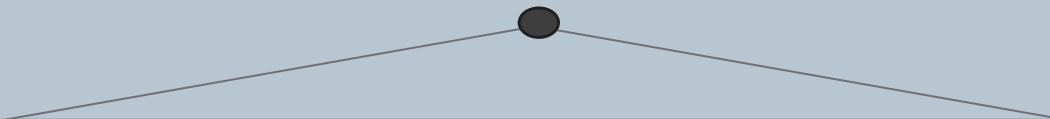
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INTRODUCTION

Our Purpose

- Protection
- Security
- Access
- Retention & destruction
- Cost-effective, worry-free services

We are open for business...



Monday	7AM – 4PM
Tuesday	7AM – 4PM
Wednesday	7AM – 4PM
Thursday	7AM – 4PM
Friday	7AM – 4PM

* *by appointment*

TRANSFERRING RECORDS

Transfer process



Prepare

- Order and/or prepare boxes
- Add records
- Organize files and add to packing lists
- Label boxes and print packing lists



Document

- Fill in transmittals
- Add authorization
- Submit transmittal(s) via email



Transfer

- Schedule a pick-up or delivery
- Assign a contact for pick-up or delivery day
- Update record information system

Prepare boxes

Purchase from WB
Mason website
Item PAIG801

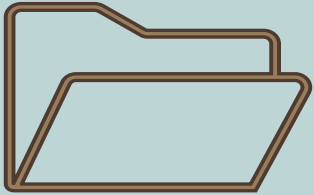
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Packing boxes



Don'ts



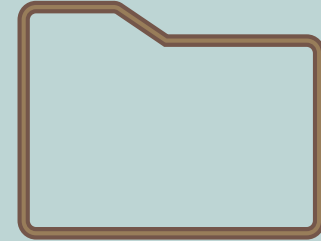
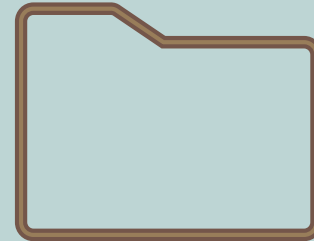
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Open



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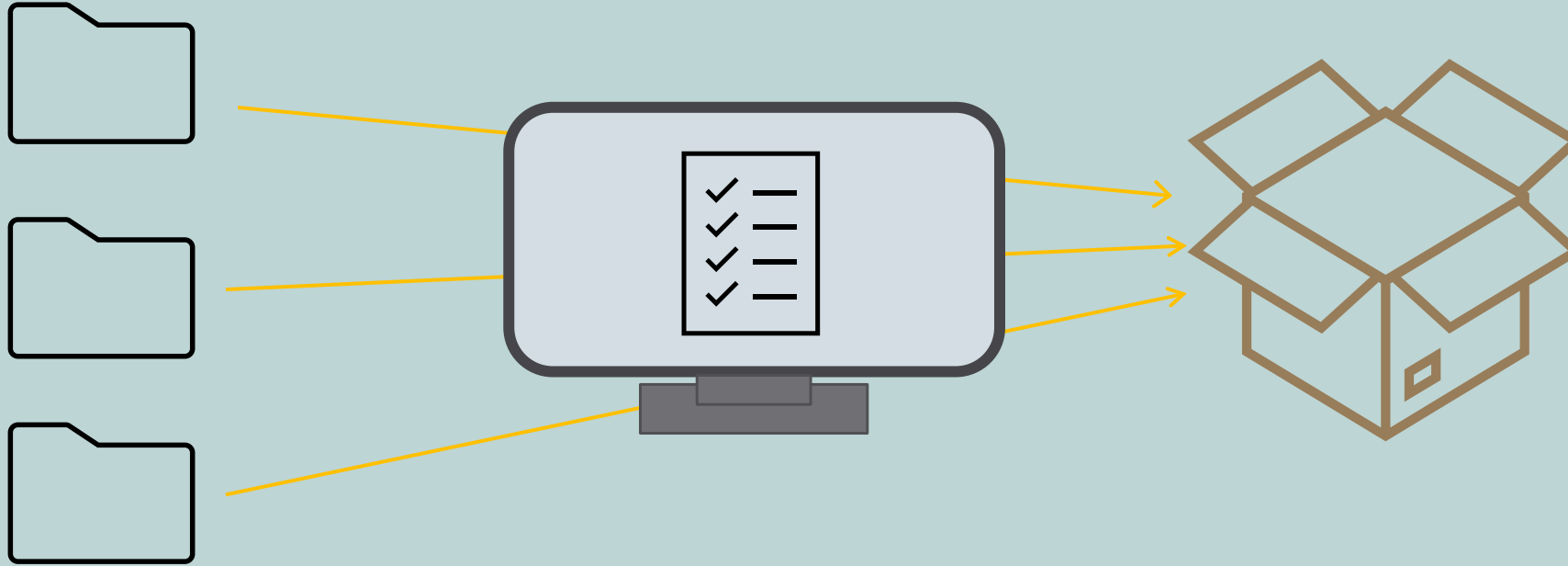


Do's



Closed same year

Packing boxes (continued)



7. When the box is full and contents have been entered, add your page number(s) to the top.

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Packing lists

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Box Number: 351				
File Number (if applicable)	File Name or Subject	Open Date	Closed Date	Folder Number
20-751	Elm	12/2020	3/2021	N/A
20-32	Birch	3/2020	4/2021	N/A
21-98	Aspen	5/2021	8/2021	N/A
20-126	Ash	7/2020	8/2021	N/A
20-422	Douglas	10/2020	9/2021	N/A
21-568	Cypress	8/2021	11/2021	N/A

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20-32	Birch	3/2020	4/2021	N/A
21-568	Cypress	8/2021	11/2021	N/A
20-422	Douglas	10/2020	9/2021	N/A
20-751	Elm	12/2020	3/2021	N/A

Label boxes

BOX NO. 351	CONTENTS Ash-Elm	DESTROY 
FROM 3/2020		
THRU 11/2021		

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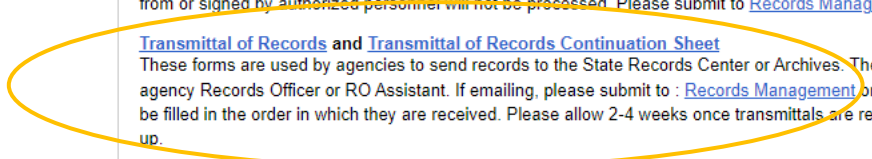
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Filling out transmittals

- Contact information
- Schedule, series, media, and series title
- Box numbers
- File name range
- First & last dates

TRANSMITTAL OF RECORDS												
Retention Records State Records Center 284 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0084 Tel. (207) 287-5794 recordsmanagement.archives@maine.gov maine.gov				Archival Records Maine State Archives 84 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0084 Tel. (207)287-5790 maine.archives@maine.gov								
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Person to contact		Telephone	Location of Records (building, floor, room)									
Records Officer/RO Assistant Name		Access Card #	Email Address									
Signature of RO/RO Assistant (if emailed from a State address, typed name accepted):						Date						
Schedule #	Series #	Media	Series Title (Must match title on Records Retention Schedule)									
Location (RM use only)	Box Number	First Item	Last Item	FIRST DATE	LAST DATE	Final Dispo Date (RM use only)						
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	352	Fir	Juniper	2/19	12/21							
	353	Laurel	Maple	2/20	11/21							
	354	Olive	Pine	1/19	10/21							
	355	Rowan	Spruce	2/18	12/21							
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Filling out transmittals (continued)

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	16					X
	17					
	18					
Records Officer/RO Assistant Name		Access Card #	Signature of RO/RO Assistant:		Date	
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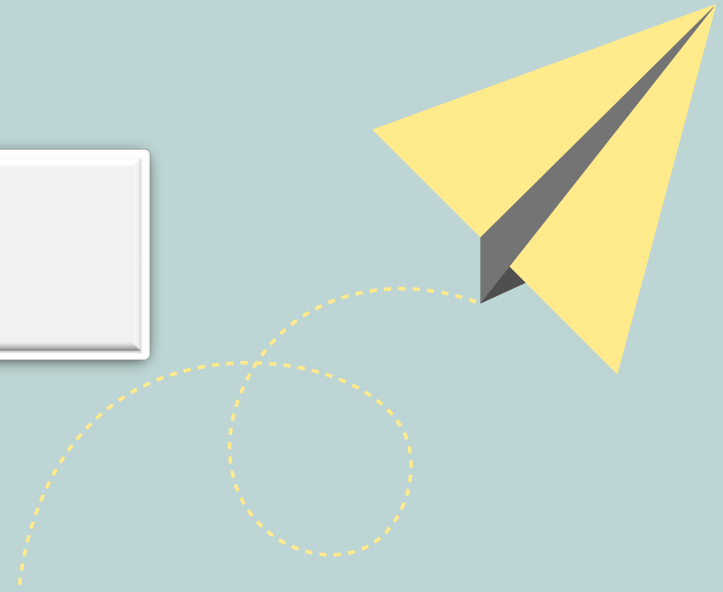
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Add Authorization



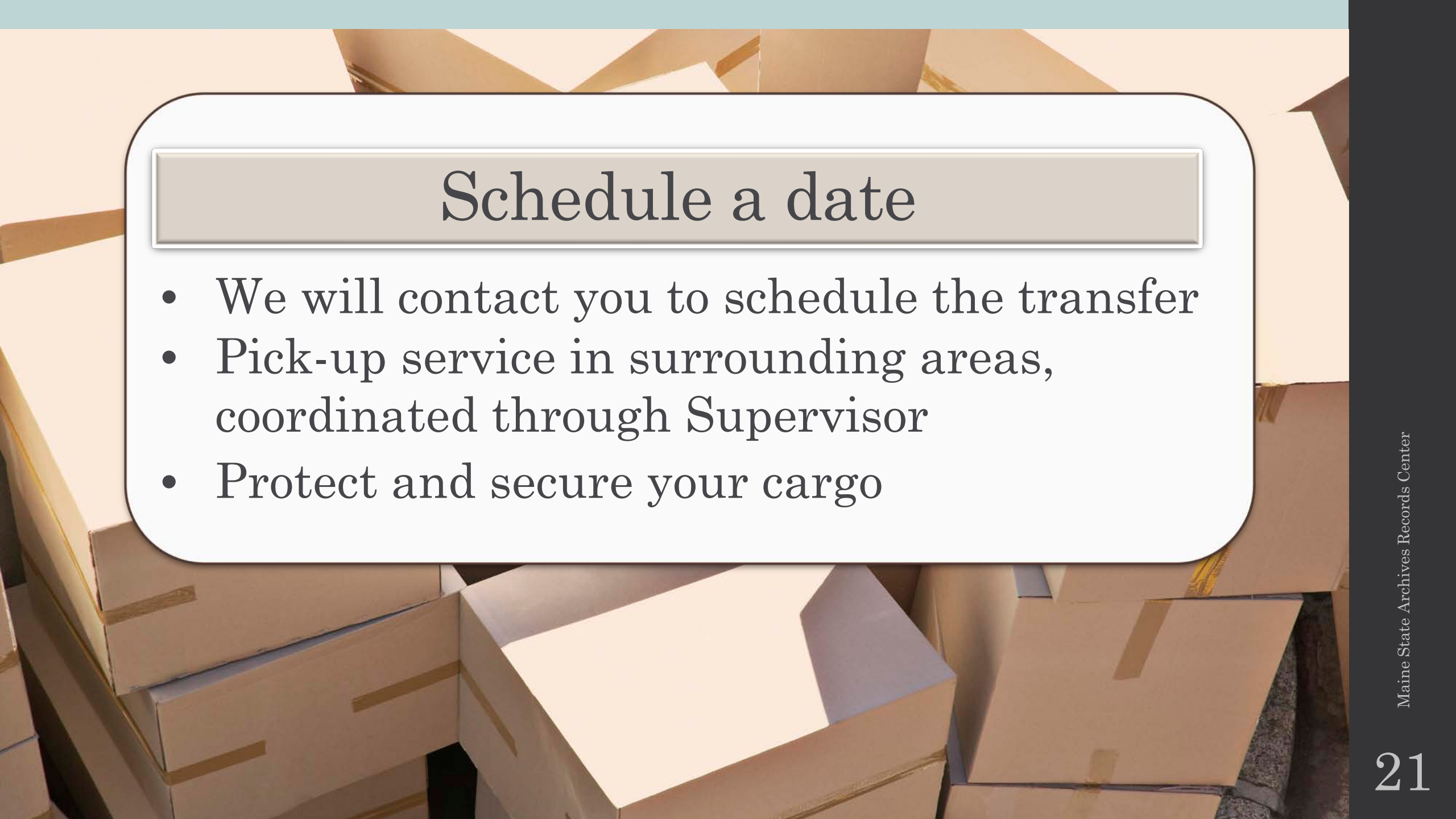
Your assigned Records Officer and Records Officer Assistants are the only authorized signatories

Submit Transmittals



Email prepared transmittals to:

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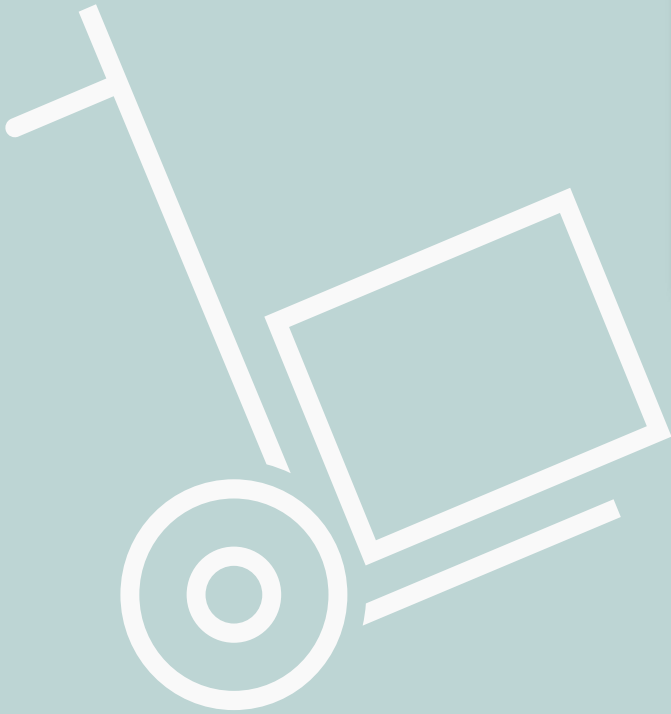


Schedule a date

- We will contact you to schedule the transfer
- Pick-up service in surrounding areas, coordinated through Supervisor
- Protect and secure your cargo

Day-of transfer

- Records Center staff will compare boxes with transmittal paperwork
- No paperwork needed
- Records Center staff will load boxes



Updates & follow-up

Updated transmittals will be sent back to R.O./R.O.A

Please retain the:

- locations of your boxes
- transmittal numbers and
- final disposition dates

This is important for future reference requests.

REFERENCE REQUESTS

Reference requests

REQUESTING RECORDS

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- How to fill out requests
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[Archives Services Division](#) preserves and provides access to many archival records, including those mentioned above. Researchers may request general information or specific records by contacting Archives Services in person, by phone, or email.

[Records Management Division](#) helps to establish and administer efficient and effective records management programs within State and local governments and ensure records are being retained for appropriate periods of time through Records Retention Schedules.

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[Revised Archives Rules, 12/2020](#)

- [Ch. 1](#) State and Local Government Agency Records Programs
- [Ch. 2](#) State Records Center Facilities and Services
- [Ch. 3](#) Imaging State Records
- [Ch. 4](#) Rules for the Public Use of Materials and Facilities in the Maine State Archives

[Guidance on COVID-19 Pandemic Records and Retention](#)

[Electronic Records Information](#)

[Managing Electronic Records, Jan 2021](#) (pdf, 895 kb) - intended for State agencies but information might also be helpful to Local Government. This training document gives information on the following: electronic records and retention schedules; email and social media retention; scanning; electronic management systems; standards for electronic management; electronic record planning and preservation; technical aspects; and Maine State Archives programs.

[Disaster Preparedness, Response & Recovery Resources](#) - information from COSA webinars/handouts

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Request form for agency files from the State Records Center or Maine State Archives

Records Center, 284 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084

Tel: 207-287-5792

Email: recordscenter.archives@maine.gov

Hi, Isa. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

Contact Information

1. Title of Agency or Court *

Enter your answer

2. Requestor Name *

Enter your answer

3. Access Card No. *

The value must be a number

4. Telephone *

Enter your answer

5. Email *

Enter your answer

Next

MSA REQUEST FOR REFERENCE SERVICE

* Required

File Type

6. I am requesting the following types of records: *

☒ Retention Records

☐ Archival Records

7. Type of Record *

☒ Paper

☐ Digital File

☐ Microfilm

☐ Microfiche

☐ Other

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Delivery Information

8. Type of Delivery

- ☒ Mail file.
- ☐ Hold for pickup.
- ☐ Email electronic file.

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Delivery Information- Mail

9. **Mail file requested.** Include mailing address to send file.

Enter your answer

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* Required

Number of File(s) being requested

10. Are you requesting more than one file *

☐ Yes

☒ No

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11. File Name *

Enter your answer

12. File/Docket Number *

Enter your answer

13. Box Number *

Enter your answer

14. Location Number *

Enter your answer

15. Container Number

Enter your answer

16. Transmittal Number *

Enter your answer

17. Agency Comments/Special Instructions

Enter your answer

MSA REQUEST FOR REFERENCE SERVICE

* Required

Requesting Multiple Files

Please download and complete the File Request

Spreadsheet : https://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/records/state/forms_ReferenceRequest.xlsx

11. Once you have completed your request information please upload the File Request Spreadsheet (Non-anonymous question^①)

📁 Upload file

File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 10MB Allowed file types: Excel

12. How many files are you requesting *

This should be equal to the number of rows on the spreadsheet, minus the header

The value must be a number

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Submit

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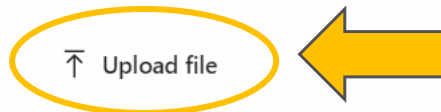
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Requesting Multiple Files

Please download and complete the File Request

Spreadsheet : https://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/records/state/forms_ReferenceRequest.xlsx

11. Once you have completed your request information please upload the File Request Spreadsheet
(Non-anonymous question①)



File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 10MB Allowed file types: Excel

12. How many files are you requesting *

This should be equal to the number of rows on the spreadsheet, minus the header

The value must be a number

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Returning records

- Use sturdy envelopes
- Secure with strong, adhesive tape
- Tyvek envelopes work well
- Fold envelope tightly to reduce space inside envelope
- Inter-office mail is fine
- Check internal policies



DISPOSITION NOTIFICATIONS

Disposition notifications



Maine State Archives
284 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0084
recordsmanagement.archives@maine.gov

Records Center Disposition Notification to Destroy Records

Media type to be destroyed: ☐ PAPER ☐ DIGITAL ☐ ROLLFILM ☐ MICROFICHE

To Records Officer:			Date:			Page:
Department Name:			Bureau/Division Name:		Dept No.	Unit/Subunit No.
Schedule No.	Series No.	Retention	Series Title			

The following records located in the Maine State Records Center will be destroyed upon return of signed disposition in accordance with authorized records retention schedules.

[illegible]

Please return a **signed copy** to [Records Management](#) within **ten days**. Maine State Archives reserves the right to destroy records that have passed their retention date by 10 months. Archives involvement occurs when the generating agency refuses to respond or sign off on the destruction of the records. If you have any questions concerning this notification, please contact us at: recordsmanagement.archives@maine.gov

AGENCY RECORDS OFFICER AUTHORIZATION

Signature

Date

Maine State Archives Use Only

Records Center Disposal Signature

Date

Records Center Supervisor/Verification Signature

Date



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NEW Online [Request for Reference Service Form](#)

Agencies with an @maine.gov email address can now use this online form to request files from the State Records Center or Archives. You will be required to login with your maine.gov email and password. **Requestors MUST have an access card number to request files and complete all required information.** The request will go directly to the Records Center email account for processing. If an alternative method is required, please contact the [State Records Center](#).

Cardholders from Legislative Offices and Independent Agencies, as well as the Courts, who do not have an @maine.gov address can use our alternative [Request Form for Legislative, Independent Agency, and Court Use Only](#).

Any questions or issues with the forms can be directed to: [Records Management](#)

NOTE: All forms below are in Word format. They should be filled out electronically (typed in the Word document) and returned to specified email whenever possible. See below for further instructions. For complete information please refer to other pages on our site including: [State Agency Records Officers & Assistants](#); [State Agency Training and Resources](#); and [Transferring Records - State Records Center & Archives](#).

[Application for Records Retention Schedule and Records Series Inventory](#)

The Application form is used to submit a new schedule or to amend an existing schedule/series. This form should be completed and signed by your Departmental Records Officer or Agency Head. It will be retained permanently at the Maine State Archives, so we do prefer original signatures but electronic signatures are also acceptable. The Records Series Inventory works in conjunction with the Application form. Complete a Records Series Inventory Form for each series you are submitting, and include samples of records to be scheduled (photocopies are fine, as well as redacted confidential information). Several Record Series may be listed on the same Application for Records Retention Schedule. Completed form(s) with samples can be sent either by interoffice mail or emailed to [Records Management](#).

[Records Officer/Cardholder Form](#)

This form is used to assign Records Officers, Records Officer Assistants and any cardholders. You must be an approved cardholder (or RO, ROA) before you are allowed access to agency records at the State Records Center. Requests not received from or signed by authorized personnel will not be processed. Please submit to [Records Management](#).

[Transmittal of Records and Transmittal of Records Continuation Sheet](#)

These forms are used by agencies to send records to the State Records Center or Archives. They require authorization from an agency Records Officer or RO Assistant. If emailing, please submit to: [Records Management](#) or [Archives Services](#). Requests will be filled in the order in which they are received. Please allow 2-4 weeks once transmittals are received for materials to be picked up.

[Packing List](#)

This form must be completed (as many pages as necessary) and enclosed in any box packed for transfer to the State Records Center. For archival records (those sent to the Division of Archives Services), the packing lists are required to be included with the transmittal submission. Keep a copy for your own records, listing each file in the box. If you have questions contact [Records Management](#) or [Maine State Archives](#) as appropriate.

[Disposition Notification](#)

When records have met their approved retention time per signed Record Retention Schedules, Records Management sends a Records Center Disposition Notification to the agency of record; to be approved and signed by the agency Records Officer. Agencies may also use this form as a guide (sample) when destroying records within the office (both paper and electronic) which need to be documented. These would only be records which have met retentions and are due for destruction according to approved retention schedules. (See [General Schedule 7.2](#) for further information.)

Schedules and State Records Officer/Access forms:

[Records Management](#)

Maine State Archives

84 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

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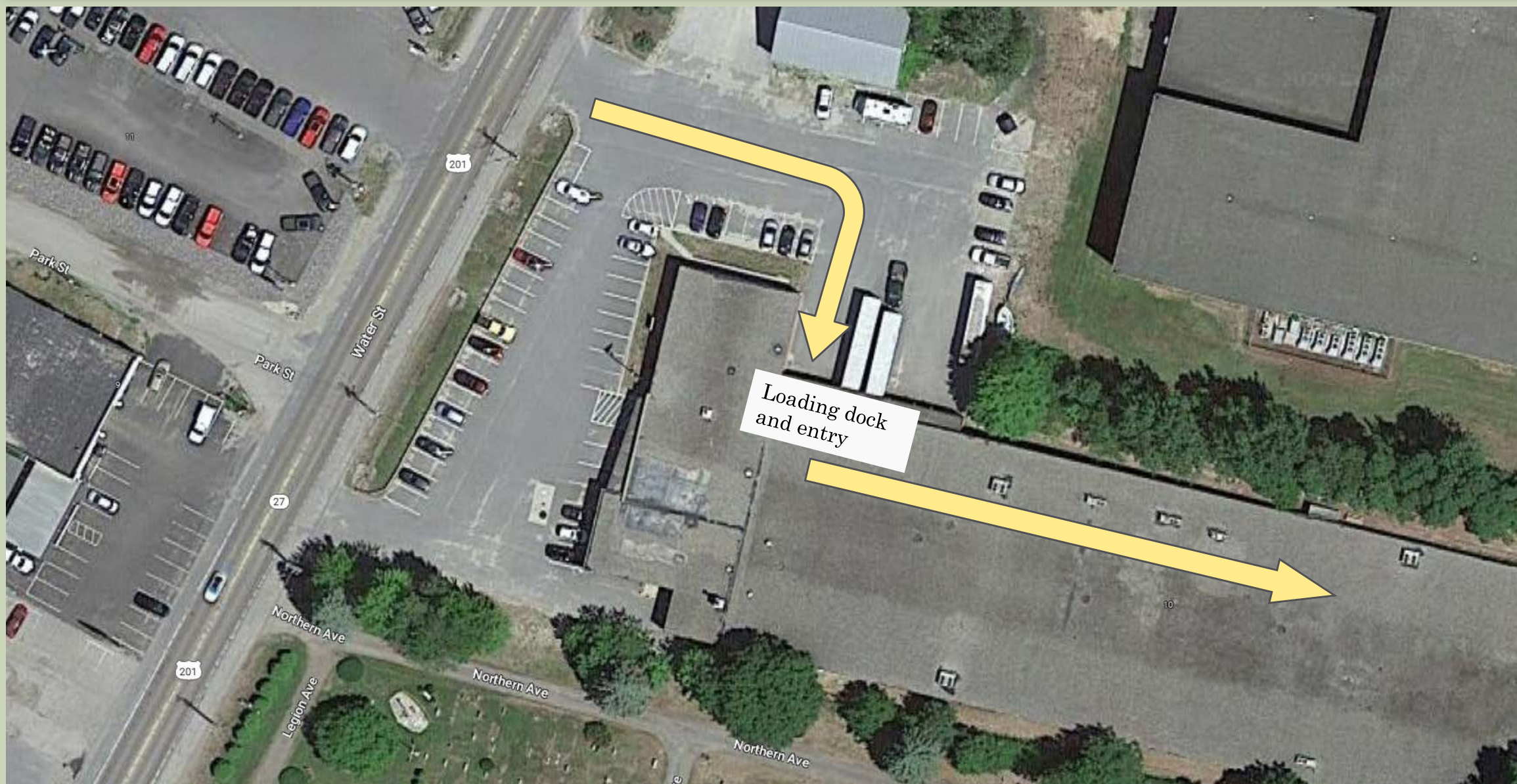
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Records Center location



Records Center location (continued)



Other MSA Staff contacts

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Helpful links

Maine State Archives Home Page

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/>

State Agency Records Officers and Records Officer Assistants, by agency

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/records/state/recordsofficers.html>

State Agency Training and Resources

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/records/state/statetraining.html>



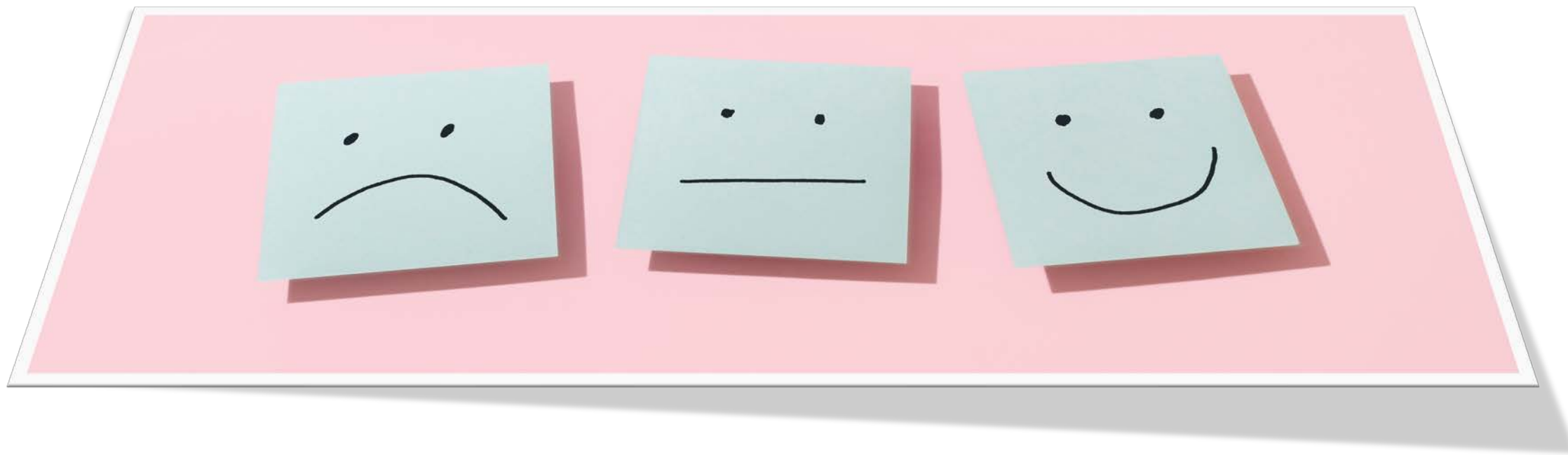


THANK YOU

For more information,
please visit

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/archives/records-management/state-records-center-and-archives>





Questions & Answers