



## INSTRUCTIONS - FORM RC-3

- USE OF FORM: Serves as a notification to your local records commission and to The Ohio Historical Society/State Archives, Local Government Records Program (OHS-LGRP), that your office intends to dispose of the records listed on the form as authorized by an approved RC-2 form. It also provides an opportunity for the OHS-LGRP to select for historical records, or to provide for other disposition under Section 149.31ORC.
- WHEN TO USE: Prepare and send this RC-3 a minimum of fifteen (15) business days before the proposed disposal date.
- CERTIFICATION: This is a legal document representing compliance to the Ohio Revised Code and a commitment to maintain any microfilm master negatives according to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standards when the source document is listed for disposal on this RC-3. Therefore, the certification requires the signature of the official responsible for the records.
- SUBMISSION: Send the original RC-3 to: [localrecs@ohiohistory.org](mailto:localrecs@ohiohistory.org) **or** The Ohio Historical Society  
State Archives of Ohio  
Local Government Records Program  
800 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43211-2497
- Retain a permanent copy for your office files and send an additional copy to your records commission.

NOTE: You office or records commission will **not** receive a copy of the RC-3 back. Your office will be contacted if a record is selected for its historical value or if there are questions about the records listed on the form.

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- (1) RECORD SERIES TITLE: Record series title as shown on your retention schedule (RC-2). This information is critical for documenting the disposal; include additional descriptive information if necessary to aid in the appraisal and selection process.
- (2) AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSAL: Schedule number marked as needing review by OHS-LGRP as shown on your approved RC-2 and the date it was approved *by your local records commission*.
- (3) MEDIA TYPE (DESTROYED): Medium of the record series you are *disposing of*, for example, paper, film, disk, magnetic tape, optical disc.
- (4) OTHER MEDIA TYPE (RETAINED) If your government plans to *retain* the records series in another medium, list each type of medium in which it is being retained. For example: microfilm, microfiche, optical disc, electronic storage, etc.
- (5) INCLUSIVE DATES OF RECORDS Enter the time period encompassed by the records being disposed of such as: Jan. 2008 to Dec. 2008, etc.
- (6) PROPOSED DATE OF DISPOSAL Enter the proposed disposal date; the OHS-LGRP has *fifteen business days* to review the disposal form. It is recommended that a few extra days for mail delivery be included.
- (7) FOR USE BY OHS-LGRP OHS-LGRP may write clarifying notes or notes about possible records transfers.

### NOTICE CONCERNING MEDIA AND FORMAT CHANGES

The Local Government Records Program strongly discourages the use of electronic formats for long-term retention of records unless the records are also maintained in an eye-readable format such as paper or microfilm. It is a responsibility of the local government to ensure the preservation and accessibility of any records retained in electronic format. For guidelines on electronic records issues, visit <http://www.ohiohistory.org/ohiojunction/erc/>.

Never use a microfilm master negative except to create a use copy from it.



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**For State Archives - LGRP Use Only**

Date Received:

Date Reviewed:

Items requested for transfer:            YES        NO

*If YES, attach copy of transfer form*

## CERTIFICATE OF RECORDS DISPOSAL (RC-3) – Part 1

*See instructions before completing this form. Must be submitted with PART 2*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (local government entity)                      (unit)                      (contact person)                      (telephone number)                      (location of records)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (address)                      (city)                      (zip code)                      (county)                      (date mailed to LGRP)

I hereby certify that the records listed on this RC-3 and attachments are being disposed of according to the time periods stated on the **approved Records Retention Schedules (RC-2)** listed below. No record will be knowingly disposed of which pertains to any pending legal case, claim, action or request. In addition, microfilm created in place of any original record listed on this RC-3 will be stored according to ANSI Standards and all microfilm master negatives will only be used to create use copies. It is a responsibility of the local government to ensure the preservation and accessibility of any records retained in electronic format.

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 (signature of responsible official)                      (title)                      (telephone number)

To have this form returned to the Records Commission electronically, include an email address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Note: The State Archives retains RC-3 forms for seven years.  
 It is strongly recommended that the Records Commission retain a permanent copy of this form.***



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**CERTIFICATE OF RECORDS DISPOSAL (RC-3) – Part 2**  
*See instructions before completing this form. Must be submitted with PART 1.*

(political subdivision name)

(unit)

| (1)<br>Records Series<br>Title | (2)<br>Authorization for Disposal |   | (3)<br>Media Type<br>To be destroyed | (4)<br>Media Type<br>To be retained<br>(if any) | (5)<br>Inclusive Dates of<br>Records |    | (6)<br>Proposed date of<br>destruction<br><br>(15 business days<br>from receipt by<br>OHS-LGRP) | (7)<br>For OHS-LGRP<br>use |
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|                                | Schedule Number                   | Date the RC-2 was<br>approved by the<br>Records<br>Commission |                                      |   | From                                 | To |   |                            |
|                                |                                   |   |                                      |   |                                      |    |   |                            |