

Cybersecurity

Dumpster Diving



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- Important information thrown out with the trash
- Recycling bins are nice and clean too!
- Gather information for a different attack
 - Impersonate names
 - Use common phone numbers
 - Find vendors items purchased from
- Timing is important
 - Documents thrown out just after the end of the month, end of quarter, same day of the week
 - Get it before scheduled pickup



Is it Legal to Dive in a Dumpster?

- In the United States, it is legal
 - Check local laws though
- If it's in the trash, it's free
 - Technically nobody owns it any longer
- Dumpsters on private property or marked "No Trespassing"
 - It might be trash, but that's still trespassing
- It is tricky. Consult a legal professional



Protect your Trash



- Secure the dumper
 - Fence and lock
 - No trespassing
- Shred
 - Determined attackers can reassemble shreds
 - Governments burn sensitive documents
- Audit your trash
 - Dig around, what can you find?

