

State of Michigan  
Administrative Guide to State Government

## 0910.05 Disposing of Records

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### PURPOSE

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To instruct state agencies about the proper disposal of records.

### APPLICATION

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Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units and all other state operations which utilize Records Management Services.

### CONTACT AGENCY

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### SUMMARY

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Retention and Disposal Schedules prescribe the length of time an agency must retain its records. As records meet their retention period, they must be disposed of in the proper manner and at the proper time.

### APPLICABLE FORMS

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None.

### DEFINITIONS

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**Disposal** – The record either is destroyed or transferred to the Archives of Michigan for permanent preservation.

**System of Record** – A system that is used to store, maintain, and provide for the retrieval of records and data of a business function, and serves as the primary source for said records. (A system is not a system of record if it is used only to process information.)

## REFERENCES

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[Administrative Guide Procedure 0920.02 Direct Transfer of Archival Records to the Archives of Michigan](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dmb/0920.02_182693_7.pdf) (https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dmb/0920.02\_182693\_7.pdf)

[SOM 1345.00.80 Enterprise Architecture Solution Assessment \(EASA\) Standard](https://stateofmichigan.sharepoint.com/teams/insidedtmb/work_/policies/IT%20Policies/1345.00.80%20Enterprise%20Architecture%20Solution%20Assessment%20(EASA)%20Standard.pdf) (https://stateofmichigan.sharepoint.com/teams/insidedtmb/work\_/policies/IT%20Policies/1345.00.80%20Enterprise%20Architecture%20Solution%20Assessment%20(EASA)%20Standard.pdf)

## PROCEDURES

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### General Information

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- Records, regardless of format or storage location, shall only be disposed of in accordance with an approved Retention and Disposal Schedule, per MCL 18.1284-1292.

### Records Management Services

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- Periodically reviews the records in the physical custody of Records Center Operations and prepares Records Disposal Notices for each agency whose records are due for disposal.
- Periodically reviews electronic records stored in systems managed by Records Management Services and prepares Records Disposal Notices for each agency whose records are due for disposal.
- Sends Records Disposal Notices to the Records Management Officer (RMO), or the designated contact, of the agency that owns the records.
- Places a hold on any records that cannot be disposed of at the prescribed time, per the agency's written justification.
- Following agency approval, arranges for destruction of the appropriate records, or transfer of the appropriate records to the Archives of Michigan.

### Agency

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- Disposes of records in their possession that have met their required retention periods by destruction or transfer to the Archives of Michigan for permanent preservation (see Administrative Guide Procedure 0920.02 Direct Transfer of Archival Records to the Archives of Michigan).
- RMO secures necessary approvals and returns the Records Disposal Notice to Records Management Services for records stored at the State Records Center or in a system managed by Records Management Services by the specified timeline.
- Provides a written justification for any record stored at the State Records Center or in a system managed by Records Management Services which cannot be disposed of at the scheduled time.

- Ensures that records owned by the agency, but in the possession of a service provider, are disposed of in accordance with an approved Retention and Disposal Schedule.
- Ensures that records created in a system that does not have disposition capabilities are transferred to a system of record approved by DTMB in accordance with SOM 1345.00.80 Enterprise Architecture Solution Assessment (EASA) Standard.

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