

NEED TO KEEP

physical copies and data files if possible

Will, Power of attorney and living will
Birth and death certificates
Marriage license, prenups and divorce papers
Social security information (US) / equivalent documents (world)
Proof of citizenship
Adoption papers
Alimony arrangements
Child custody agreements
Military records
IRA information/contributions
Retirement/Pension plan documents
ID cards and passports
Insurance policies (OK to have as physical paper in addition to digital copy's)
Vehicle titles and loan documents
House deeds and mortgage documents
Any other loan/mortgage documents, this also includes personal loans
Business license

SHOULD KEEP

hold on to for a while as data files or/and physical documents

Tax records and receipts + yearly statements for the return. Norway 10 years, US 7 years
Pay stubs (keep until you can check it against your yearly statement)
Bank statements
Social security statements
Annual insurance policy statements
Retirement plan statements (401(k), 529, IRA, etc)
Home purchase, sale, improvement documents (while you own the house + 7 years)
Medical records (keep as long as they are relevant)
Medical bills (keep at least a year after payment in case of disputes)
Warranty documents and receipts (keep as long as you own them)
Pictures of expensive items you own, in case you need them for an insurance claim
Canceled checks and bank deposit slips (until you receive monthly bank statement)
Bills (until you have proof that the payment was received)

WANT TO KEEP

data files or/and physical documents

Paper and documents that are important to you, inspires you or gives you tremendous joy!