(settled cases)
Accounts payable ledgers and schedules7 years
Accounts receivable ledgers and schedules7 years
Articles of IncorporationPermanently
Audit reports of accountantsPermanently
Bank deposit slips3 years
Bank reconciliation1 year
Bank statements (not including cancelled checks)Permanently
Bills of lading6 years
Brokerage statements (annual)Permanently
Budgets2 years
Capital stock and bond records: ledgers,
transfer registers, stubs showing issues,
record of interest coupons, etcPermanently
Cash booksPermanently
Cash projections
Checks (cancelled, exemption below)7 years
Checks, cancelled for important payments (file with the papers pertaining to
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Employment applications	3 years
Expense analyses and expense distribution schedules	7 years
Financial statements (end-of-year)	Permanently
Freight bills	4 years
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Garnishments	/ years
General and private ledgers (and end-of-year trial balances)	Permanently
Insurance policies (expired)	6 years
Insurance records, current accident reports, claims, policies, etc	Permanently
Internal audit reports (longer periods may be desirable in some situations)	3 years
Internal reports (miscellaneous)	
Internal work orders	
Inventories of products, materials and supplies	
Invoices to customers	
Invoices from vendors	•
Journals	Permanently
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Receiving sheets	1 year
Requisitions	1 year
Retirement and pension recordsPo	ermanently
Sales commission reports	
Sales records	7 years
Savings bond registration	
(records of employees)	3 years
Scrap, salvage and records	
(inventories, sales, etc.)	7 years
Stenographer's notebook	1 year
Stock and bond certificates (cancelled)	7 years
Stockroom withdrawl forms	1 year
Subsidiary ledgers	7 years
Tax returns and worksheets, revenue	
agent's reports and other documents	
relating to determination of income	
tax liabilityPe	ermanently
Telephone logs/message book	
duplicates	7 years
Time books/cards	
Trade mark registrationsPe	
Training manualsPe	
Union agreementsPe	ermanently
Voucher register and schedules	7 years
Voucher for payments to vendors,	
employees, etc. (includes allowances and	1
reimbursement of employees, officers,	
etc. for travel and entertainment	
expenses)	7 years
Withholding tax statements	7 years
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documents. The actual amount of time to keep a sp document may be longer depending on the circum	
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