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1998 Computer Resolutions

Recommendations for a Happy, Safe and Productive New Year

After taking a close look at the services we delivered in 1997, here is a list of suggestions to help make 1998 a hassle-free computer year:

#1 Make a Backup Schedule and stick to it.

Spend the money to buy enough tapes to have 4 full weekly backups, with an additional full backup stored off site. Check your backup program's "Error Log" to make sure your backups are successful. Regular backups are the best computer insurance money can buy.

#2 Update your Virus Scanner.

Virus scanner updates are free to our clients. An old virus scanner is like a placebo vaccination. You only *think* your safe. Update your virus scanner at least 4 times per year, and do a full virus scan weekly. You'll be glad you did.

#3 Make Yourself Known on the Web.

Let's face it. The Internet is here to stay. If you haven't already carved out a place for yourself on the Web, you can bet your competition has or will shortly. Nowadays, the Internet is an essential and inexpensive marketing and communications tool. Don't neglect it this year.

#4 Pump up the RAM!

Memory prices have plummeted recently. For a little over \$100 you can double (or quadruple) your computer's memory. Memory modules take only 5 minutes to install and you can do it yourself. The difference in your computer's performance will put a smile on your face.

#5 Guard Against Electrical Damage

You've invested good money into a computer, software and consulting. Don't risk it all on a \$10 surge protector! Your computer needs an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) with a built-in modem surge protector. Every summer, we get calls from someone who lost everything after a "minor" power fluctuation. Don't let that someone be you this year!

#6 Do Some Hard Drive Cleaning

After your next full backup, take the time to clean out all those old files and programs which you don't need or use. You'll be surprised how much hard drive space you can recover. Call us and we'll show you how to recover from 50 to 200 megabytes of hard drive space in only 2 minutes!



#7 How about a "Virtual Consultant"?

Norton's "PC Anywhere" is a fantastic software which gives your computer consultant direct access to your computer from anywhere. Using a direct modem connection, we can solve many of your problems over the phone, while you watch! This program inevitably pays for itself the first time it's used. You can also use it to access your office computer from home.

#8 ScanDisk and Defragment often.

If you have Microsoft Plus for Windows95, then your computer is probably already optimized for ScanDisk and Defragmentation. If not, these programs are listed under "Accessories/System Tools" and should be run weekly. These two tools will lengthen your hard drive's lifespan.

#9 Pick up a "For Dummies" Book

Just about every book or computer store now has a section for the many "For Dummies" books by IDG. These books are absolutely the best resource for learning about your computer and computer applications. I have a bookshelf *full* of "For Dummies" books! Try one and watch your computer skills skyrocket.

#10 Who Ya' Gonna Call?

Don't hesitate to call us when you run into difficulty. Many times we can help solve the problem right over the phone. We are always eager to help you out...so please, call us!



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