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“Brain Waves”



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Shocking!

With all the stormy weather happening lately, it is important to remember to check your surge protector and make sure it is working correctly. WHAT? You don't have a surge protector!? A popular saying about power surges is “its not if... it's when”. Surge protectors are very important because they protect your investments. Think about how much you have paid for your computer. Now think about all the data on that computer. Can you afford to lose all of that in a few seconds? If the answer is “no”, then you need to purchase a surge protector.

Don't make a very common and costly mistake and think that a power strip with many outlets is a surge protector. Check that the packaging is clearly labeled as a surge protector and has a list of features it provides. There are 4 specifics you should



look for:

1. The surge protector should cover lightning strikes. Some do not, so check.
2. The surge protector should offer insurance to cover the loss of properly attached equipment.
3. If you have a regular modem, get a surge protector with an R-11 telephone jack where you can hook up your telephone line.
4. If you are using a cable modem, get a surge protector that will accommodate your internet cable.

It is important to have a surge protector not only for lightning strikes but also for power fluxuations which can happen several

times a day. If you have several items to plug in that have large power boxes, you want to look for a surge protector specifically designed to accommodate larger power blocks.

Because of differences in electrical current, it is best to plug all computer related equipment into the same source if possible. You could pay up to \$30 or more for a good surge protector, so make sure it meets all of your needs.

Another option is a UPS (uninterruptible power supply). These units provide surge protection and give you a battery backup so that you have time to shut down your computer and save your files if the power goes out unexpectedly!

By using these tips you will not only have peace of mind, but protection for your equipment!

How critical are you?

Computer virus are spreading faster than you can say “HELP!” It seems that recently Microsoft products are the hardest hit with Windows XP being the most attacked! I know many of you have Windows XP installed on your machines and some have had some serious virus problems. Here to save the day is (believe it or not) Microsoft! They have a built-in way to download the important updates you need to stay protected from those big bad viruses (or most of them anyway)! To run the

windows updater open internet explorer->click on tools-> then click on windows update. Follow the on-screen prompts to download the most recent “patches” to protect your computer! “How often should you run the update?” It is recommended that you run it at LEAST once a month! Also, don't forget to update your virus scan!



CONTEST TIME!

Do you usually get into trouble because you talk to much? Are people constantly telling you that you are over opinionated? Well now is the time to make all of these “assets” work for you.

We are looking for anyone who has ideas on how to improve either this newsletter or our website or both! We are looking for honest opinions on things you like and don't like. Not only does this help us help you, but the top suggestions will be entered into a contest to win a computer care package. E-mail or phone in your suggestions quickly, the contest ends September 25th, 2004.