

## Re: Power surge safety

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Just need drivers (so windows and the UPS can talk to each other). Windows supports UPS.

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<http://www.microscum.com/mscommunity/>

"Happy" <happy@trial.ca> wrote in message news:mTwSd.6637\$oh4.259404@ursa-nb00s0.nbnet.nb.ca...  
> These are a bunch of great solutions! After the past problems I have had, I  
> am going to be safe as well. But, do you mean you mean you unplug every  
> nite, or just when there is a storm in the area?  
> I will check the BIOS, I think that's why I lost the last one, a series of  
> off & on in a short space of time.  
> Any suggestions on software for use with a UPS?  
> "Galen" <galennews@gmail.com> wrote in message  
> news:eZfFs8HGFHA.3596@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...  
>> In news:1JpSd.6383\$oh4.247600@ursa-nb00s0.nbnet.nb.ca,  
>> Happy <happy@trial.ca> had this to say:  
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>>> What is the best way to prevent against power surge problems?  
>>> (obviously the first is to have the proper surge protector, and use  
>>> it properly)  
>>> Is it better to shut off your computer, put it in hibernate, put it  
>>> in stand by, or leave on? What are the risks?  
>>> I have lost two computers in the last 5 years, and want to avoid a  
>>> repeat.  
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>> In addition to all the other valid information given you should consider  
>> replacing your surge protector every once in a while. MOST surge  
>> protection  
>> devices have a light on them that make you think they are working.  
>> However,  
>> after a single surge the protection offered by the device is minimal if  
>> any  
>> yet the light will remain on and be happy to allow you to think that  
>> you're  
>> still protected. It's been my best interest, since days of yore, to not  
>> worry about expense and to use both a UPS and a surge protector. I've  
>> never  
>> lost a computer to a power surge though I've replaced a number of  
>> motherboards and chips with funny burnt ion smells that other people have  
>> brought by. I buy the best protection I can at the place I'm shopping and  
>> worry about the price later. \$150 is a small price to pay to keep a \$2500  
>> custom PC protected. Often times I'll cheat and put the surge protector on  
>> one side of the UPS and one on the other end where the power leaves prior  
>> to

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>> going into my computer. A bit much? Probably but I can't think of any good  
>> reason to not do so.  
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>> Galen  
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>> "My mind rebels at stagnation. Give me problems, give me work, give me  
>> the most abstruse cryptogram or the most intricate analysis, and I am  
>> in my own proper atmosphere. I can dispense then with artificial  
>> stimulants. But I abhor the dull routine of existence. I crave for  
>> mental exaltation." -- Sherlock Holmes  
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