

Re: Power surge safety

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Just when there is a storm occurring that brings the possibility of a lighting strike.

Gene K

Happy wrote:

> *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...
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>>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*

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>>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
>>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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