

## Re: Win XP SP2

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In news:OKWKFuehEHA.3980@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl,  
CMAR <cma6j@yahoo.com> typed:

> *Is there any reason to keep the SP2 firewall if one already has*  
> *a full*  
> *commercial firewall on one's system?*

You'll find those with different points of view on this. Here's mine: don't run two firewalls. You achieve no extra protection, you incur the extra overhead of running two firewalls, and you run the risk (probably small, but not zero) of conflicts between them.

The Windows firewall monitors incoming traffic only. Almost any third-party firewall will also monitor outbound traffic, stopping rogue programs trying to call home, and is a better choice.

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