

RE: XP Pro Recycle Bin is empty but still shows files icon

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After reading many other replies in this newsgroup, I tried a solution that works for me almost 100%: With the command prompt window, I deleted the c:\recycler directory using rmdir /s c:\recycler, then I restarted my PC. This directory and subfiles (INFO2) are recreated by Windows on restart and when I open the empty recycle bin. I can now delete files and empty the bin with no troubles. The only exception is if I delete a same-day file from my IE Temp sub-directory. I'll live with that.

Disclaimer: this is a solution that worked for me. It may not work for you and may cause harm. I am not responsible for any problems on other machines. I took a chance and this worked for me.

"Mary" wrote:

- > Most times, it's just the icon that's wrong. Correct it by going to Display
- > Properties, Desktop, customize and change the empty icon to something
- > else—or rechoose the same icon and apply.
- > Also right click on the bin itself and make sure you are not using the
- > Norton Protected bin. Switch to the regular bin.
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- > "Parthos" wrote:
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- >> I get this strange situation with my recycle bin. With nothing in the bin
- >> (or even just after I empty the bin) the icon still shows it has files. But
- >> when I try to empty it again, it wants to delete my Windows directory. This
- >> is really odd. I have re-started my machine and the problem persists,
- >> although after I re-start, the icon correctly shows that the bin is empty.
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- >> Other info:
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- >> This is a brand new PC with Windows XP Pro SP2.
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- >> I have scanned for malware, spyware, etc. with 4 different apps. There are
- >> also no hidden files in the bin.
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- >> When I look at the c:\recycler directory I see that I have a couple of
- >> sub-dricetories in there with very long numeric names which start with "S-1-"

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>> I am running Norton Internet Security (firewall and anti-virus) in the
>> background if that is pertinent.

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• ***Follow-Ups:***

- ◆ ***Re: XP Pro Recycle Bin is empty but still shows files icon***
◇ *From:* Li'l Roberto

• ***References:***

- ◆ ***XP Pro Recycle Bin is empty but still shows files icon***
◇ *From:* Parthos
- ◆ ***RE: XP Pro Recycle Bin is empty but still shows files icon***
◇ *From:* Mary

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