

Re: Can't empty recycle bin

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Despite the response I got, I think your suggestion worked. At any rate the problem seems to have disappeared.

Thanks again,

Norman

On Sun, 22 Jun 2008 16:00:56 -0300, "John John (MVP)" <audetweld@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

It sounds like the file might be in another user's Recycle Bin. Are you logged on as an administrator? Did you try it in Safe Mode?

At the Command Prompt try:

```
cacls c:\recycler /t /e /g Administrators:f
```

then try again to delete the Recycler folder.

John

Norman Stein wrote:

Thanks very much for your very prompt help John. But when I try what you suggest I get the response

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c:\recycler\S-1-5-~1\Dc30.mkr _ Access refused.
```

What do I do now?

Norman

On Sun, 22 Jun 2008 13:30:49 -0300, "John John (MVP)" <audetweld@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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The Recycle Bin is probably corrupt. Try deleting the recycler folder(s), Windows will recreate it when you reboot. From a command prompt issue the following command:

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rd /s /q c:\recycler
```

If you have more than one drive you will have to issue the command for each drive, changing the c: with the appropriate drive letter. If you have more than one user on the machine all recycle bins will be emptied.

The file Dc30. means the 30th file deleted on drive c, the Recycle Bin uses this information to keep track of deleted files and to restore them.

John

Norman Stein wrote:

Hello,

When I try to empty the recycle bin I get a message saying:

Do you really want to delete (a certain file).
I say yes and then get
the message

Can't delete Dc30. Access refused.

I don't know what Dc30 is. When I open the recycle bin there isn't anything in it however its icon on the desktop indicates that something is in it.

What's going on?

Thanks,

Norman Stein

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