

Tip for March 2006  
Courtesy of Wyvern Technology  
0418 421 202  
[www.wyverntech.com](http://www.wyverntech.com)



And still the heat continues!!!

A word to you all about surge protectors:

The ordinary surge protectors which retail for about \$70 will not protect you against huge surges. What you really need is an UPS – an uninterrupted power supply - which comes with batteries to keep the power going when AC/DC fails you. They are about \$150. Nothing is going to save the govern... Oops. Nothing is going to save your computer from a direct lightning strike to your home, however. You may be lucky and the UPS keeps you safe, but still the safest thing to do when a thunderstorm is splitting the sky, is to shutdown your computer, turn it off at the power point and pull out the plug. This is particularly important if you are away for a break in the thunderstorm season.

It is always a good idea if you have inserted a flash drive or other USB device to remove it safely by clicking on the icon on the bottom right hand corner of your screen BEFORE you pull it out. You will then be instructed to click on Stop and then told that you can safely remove the device.

Please look after your Ds and DVDs. I see too many of them piled up on desks, nude i.e. without their covers. Once scratched, they may no longer work. You can of course purchase a cleaner which may restore them but prevention is better than cure.

If you must put them down temporarily on your desk, then put them title side down and when you do pick them up. Be careful not to touch the blank side as this is where the information is stored.

To clean your computer of unnecessary files (which you can do manually per my instructions) is to purchase from webroot.com a program called Window Washer.

Have been particularly busy lately so if I have neglected you, my apologies. I do my best.

Cheers,  
Deirdree