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Welcome to the first edition of Northern Computers newsletter for our home consumers. We hope that our solutions, information and tips and tricks will become a valuable resource to you. We appreciate any feedback you may have. Please email any comments to newsletter@northerncomputer.ca.

Sincerely,

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Inkjet vs Laser

The decades old debate continues on as end users and organizations try to figure out which printer is the best for them. There are many reasons to go with Laser over inkjet, and just as many reasons to go with Inkjet over Laser. Here are a few pointers to help you decide:

Do you require color printing? Even though inkjets seem to do a better job at printing, it is not always the case, for charts and graphs, a laser printer will print just as well as any inkjet printer.

The cost of running Laser is cheaper than inkjets. To keep this statement true, you would need to consider that in the past it was cheaper to run laser printers, but now with manufacturers making changes to multi color cartridges the cost per page is getting



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How to do a system clean up



Backup - What, where, why and how to back



pretty low.

Do you print photos? Inkjets do have an advantage in printing photos and some even have the ability to spray a gloss finish on the photo to make it have that professional look.

Space and size issues. Laser printers are traditionally larger and bulkier, so if space is a real issue, inkjets are typically a lot smaller than laser printers.

But both laser and inkjet printers have drawbacks - where one kind of printer is strong, the other is often weak.

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- Ken H, Account Manager

Recycling Your Computer

Recycle the easy way...

Computers sure are great when they are working. But what do you do with that computer, monitor, printer, switch, router that no longer works or is just too old? You do what millions of people and companies are doing and store them somewhere in the deepest darkest corner of your house or office. Or you recycle it.



In British Columbia, all new electronics are charged an environmental handling fee. This fee is collected to help offset the costs of recycling your old electronics. Recycle? Does this mean they take my old computer and give it to someone? No, all the electronics contain valuable metals like, copper and gold. Of course these are in small amounts, but still worth value on the market once you have collected it from thousands of electronics. In B.C. electronics are taken to Trail, where they are broken down, melted down and all the salvageable metals, plastics and such are separated and recycled.

What about the hard drive? We recommend that you never take a hard drive to be recycled until the piece is rendered useless and no data can be extracted in anyway.

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Sometimes formatting the hard drive is not enough. At Northern Computer, we physically take the hard drive apart and scratch the surface of the platters, or even bend and smash them with a hammer. This is the pretty much the only way to make sure you cannot get any data off.



Where do you take all this stuff?

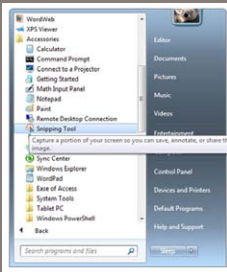
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Tips and Tricks

How to Take a Screen Shot with Windows 7 or Vista...

Screen shots or screen captures can be helpful when information on your display/monitor needs to be shown to others - maybe to show a problem or demonstrate how a program is used.



I recently discovered a tool called the "Snipping Tool" that is available in Windows Vista or Windows 7. This tool allows you to select only the portion of the screen.

To access this tool go to your Start menu, select All Programs, the Accessories folder and lastly click on the Snipping Tool.

A window will appear with instructions to select the area that you would like to crop. Select the area clicking and holding down your left mouse and dragging around the area.

A new window will appear with your selection that you can send to an email or save to a location of your choosing that you can later open and view as you would any other picture.

Now the next time that you are trying to explain something, you can take a screen shot to help with your explanation!



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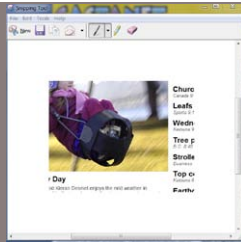
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