



# Will your server or PC be the next victim of the “Summer Sizzle” ?

Summer heat does wonders. Not only does it allow you to acquire a lovely tan, but it causes a multitude of potential sizzling hazards for your computers.

First, computers and their parts run “toasty” – even when the weather is cool. So when things start to get hot, your computer needs all of the cooling it can get.

Second, with the increased demand for electricity due to the increased use of air conditioners, your computer can be subjected to erratic power sags and spikes, which are extremely dangerous for computer hardware as well as software.

On Aug 14, 2003, approximately 50 million people and businesses were plunged into the dark and heat due to a summer electric heat surge. The cost was an estimated \$6 billion by the Institute of Electronics and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). **What will a power outage cost you?**

There should be no cause for worry when the room in which your computer is stored reaches 80 degrees. However, when the temperature soars or a summer storm rolls through, by following these few simple steps you can protect your equipment from overheating and power fluctuations:

- ☀ **Let your computer breathe** – keep the fans in the computer clear; leave space in front of and behind the computer to improve air flow.
- ☀ **Remove the dust bunnies** – dust is like putting a blanket on a computer. A can of compressed air and a gentle vacuuming inside and out can work wonders!
- ☀ **Purchase a quality surge protector**, or even better, **an uninterruptible power supply (UPS)**. Many inexpensive surge protection devices offer limited surge protection. By selecting a surge protector or UPS that is properly rated for your power usage, your computer will be protected from power spikes. A UPS unit is a better option because it offers additional protection from dips in power, commonly referred to as brown-outs, as well as complete black-outs.

Need help or want more information? Call me at 973-298-6908.

*Cathy*

## Recommendation



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