The Technology Minute

Backing Up

The first thing a computer user should learn is the importance of backing up

You are responsible for making backups of your personal files

Remember this simple little syllogism:

1. Man is fallible
2. Computers are made by man
3. Therefore, computers are fallible.

It is an accepted fact that ALL disks will eventually go bad!

Why backup files?

Any one of the following occurrences could mean the loss of important work unless you have backed up your files:

Accidental Deletion: One of the most common problems with any personal computer is that people occasionally delete files accidentally.

Hardware Failure: Hard drive failure can occasionally happen. If your hard drive fails there may be no way to recover any of the data on the drive. If you did not have those files backed up all your work may be forever lost.

Computer Viruses: Computer Viruses can be very malicious; erasing or rearranging information in files can be only the beginning. Although we are taking efforts to protect our systems from viruses, there is no such thing as being 100% protected as new viruses are created daily. Once infected, the only solution may be to reinstall Windows, loosing all of your data.

Theft: If someone steals your computer, your files get stolen too. You can replace the hardware, but can you replace your documents/emails/pictures/music?

Computer BYTES can help: Let our experienced staff show you how to set up a backup routine that works for your personal life and/or your business! Don't wait - call us today at 223-9200 or visit us in-store at 3538 Knickerbocker Road in the Southwest Plaza.