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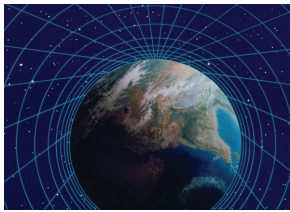
E-Tips

Turn off your computer.



Contrary to old wives' tales, shutting down your computer each day will not cause damage.

Turn your monitor off if you are gone for 15 minutes or more and shut down your computer for durations of 2 hours or more - and certainly over night.



Every PC left on 24-7 over the course of a year results in more than **1,000 extra pounds of greenhouse gases**. Since there will soon be 1 billion PCs in

the world, turning off your computer regularly could prevent the annual release of hundreds of millions of tons of global warming gases, saving billions of dollars in the process.

MSBO Energy Essentials own IT guru confirms that shutting your computer off is the right thing to do to **save energy, extend the life of your machine, and improve your system's performance**. File back-up procedures take place at the server level each night and are not affected by turning off the power at your desk.

What about power saver mode?

Don't use power saver mode on your computer. Many operating systems and network-based applications do not handle that function well. Advanced Power Management features may not work properly and could cause connectivity issues on systems with database applications.

This is a problem with many Windows XP and Windows Vista systems, so be cautious about utilizing that feature at home as well. It's recommended to merely turn off your computer each night.

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