

How to block phone calls

Life alert type devices - add on costs – monthly fees

Fire dept will open door if you lock yourself out. Install keypad to get in without having to use key. Can have separate access numbers and create temporary access numbers for guests, etc.. 9-volt batteries. Last about a year. Didn't used to have to worry about locking doors.

Ads offering to check if your name or info is on the dark web. What are chances they won't find anything, since they offer a paid service to "protect" you.

Windows 10 changes affecting how we have done things for years. For example Photos vs. Photo Gallery vs. Pictures. Even more complicated when a vendor, e.g., AOL also makes changes at the same time. History of AOL -free or reasonably cheap for a long time. Fee of \$9.99/month was probably first charge from AOL. Then price seemed to increase every year. People tend not to change because of hassle to change.

Wipe hard disk using Gparted. Reloaded Windows 7 on computer that was not booting because missing system files. Tried different Windows 7 install disks before finding one that worked. Computer works fine now.

Used printers - old printers - any reason to keep them? Laser printer can sit longer than ink jet and still be good. Ink tends to dry out in ink jet printer if not used regularly. All-in-one printers can be useful for scanning or copying.

Are routers directional?

**Router coverage** - When cable modems first came out, they were devices that only connected one ethernet cable and there was no wireless connection. Initially that was fine as most people only had one desktop computer which was connected via ethernet cable to the cable modem. However, as people started adding more devices, they generally had to purchase their own router. Today, some ISPs provide a combination unit - modem and a router with up to four ethernet connections and wireless capability. I still use simple cable modem (no wifi) and a separate router. Although Spectrum provides both devices they charge a monthly fee for the router. Since I have problems with consistent internet signal in different areas of my house, I purchase my own router as I'm not sure how much coverage the ISPs router provides.

Routers come with preset network name and network key which are usually on a label on the device or packaging. I have always changed the name and key. I recently purchased a new router which came with a second device called a Satellite which is placed in another location in the home to, hopefully, provide more consistent wifi signal. I thought about using the network name and key that came with the router but that would mean changing that information on every network device that I have in addition to each device that my children and grandchildren use when they come over. I wasn't sure if it would work but changed the network name and key on the new router to match what was on the previous router and all devices connected automatically. My printers had been set up with reserved addresses (so they never get a new address) and those had to be added to the reserved address list on the new router.

**Scanning pictures and adding to Google Photos.** Date created and date modified for scanned images are the date the photo was scanned, not the date it was taken. When pictures are uploaded to Google Photos, they are sorted by date modified which isn't very useful if all

photos have the date scanned. It is possible to change the Properties of pictures to change the Date Modified on the computer (although on my computer that field was not writeable). It is possible to change the date on Google Photos. Both of those have to be done one image at a time. Use program called Bulk File Changer to change the date modified before uploading. If you know the exact date of the event, e.g., a wedding, or a trip, you could change the date modified to that date. If you don't know the exact date but know the year, could use 01-01-xxxx. Bulk File Changer is downloaded as a .zip file and have to Extract the files in order to launch the .exe file. The program is not installed on the computer, it just runs every time you double click on it. There are several items that can be changed but the most important one is Date Modified as that is the date that Google Photos uses.