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Summer Sizzle Brings Blackouts, Sags and Spikes to Your Computer Systems

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Summary:

It is no accident that valuable and precious computer systems are fried during the summer season.

Fire departments aim to prevent fires rather than fight them.

In the same way we can be prepared with proper adequate surge protection tactics.

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Why tempt fate ?

Summer weather can not only zap your newer computer systems but also your vintage systems.

Why does the summer season bring so much trouble ~ brownouts, sags and electric outages?

Summer heat does wonders. Not only does it allow you to acquire a lovely tan but it also causes problems.

On Aug 14, 2003 it was estimated that due to a summer electric heat surge 50 million people were affected.

The summary cost was an estimated \$ 6 billion.

Similarly it is estimated that in the United States that smaller outages cost \$ 1 billion.

So says the IEEE ~ the Institute of Electronics and Electronics Engineers.

Secondly the unique geography of the U.S. produces favorable conditions for natural disasters.

Tornadoes are highly unpredictable with wind speeds reaching 300 mph, a tornado can cause significant damage.

As well last years hurricane season was a record breaker with more than 14 hurricanes.

Lightning is always the most obvious concern of most computer enthusiasts.

This damage is entirely possible. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that lightning strikes the U.S. 200 times a day.

How can you protect yourself?

First of all purchase proper surge protection and have it in place.

There are various levels of surge protection devices.

1) Power bars with a simple switch. These are the choice of many.

2) Inexpensive Surge Protection devices. This is a better choice.

If you use these inexpensive Silica sand based surge protectors replace the surge protector.

Read the labels and descriptions on the packages.

You can not protect a large computer system with a surge protector device.

3) More expensive electronic surge protection units

4) Lastly you may well consider a more expensive th

An uninterruptible power supply, or UPS, (sometimes called an 'unintern

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