From time to time we will have a section here called the *"Glitch Corner"* to help our customers with various topics geared around computers.

This month's topic is **Spring Cleanup.** Though it is not really spring yet, now would be a good time to do some maintenance. What I mean are to run some of the applications built into Windows and others that are no cost.

1. Temporary internet files are first on my list. Every web site you go to leaves, copies of the site on your computer. Most of the new browsers have an option to delete these when you exit. How to find it in Explorer: Tools > Internet Options > Check the box "delete browsing history on exit" (if there is no check box, it is time to upgrade your browser).

2. Disk Cleanup is the next item that is built into Windows. To get to it, Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Disk Cleanup. Usually it will ask to do c: and possibly all users. When it comes up there is an advanced tab or cleanup system files. Check it and then check all the items in the open box.

3. Then Defrag. Many people remember defrag from the Windows 95 or 98 days where you had to do this once a month. You can get away with it about once a year. In fact Windows Vista will automatically defrag on a schedule.

4. Now for a "free" program to help get even more stuff: Ccleaner http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner Be sure to use this link, there are spyware imitations out there. Click on download and choose, download from piriform. I usually do not have it check for updates, or show me the latest information about the product, so uncheck those boxes during the install. There are 2 basic functions to this application. Run the cleaner and analyze the registry. I run both till it does not find anything more then exit the program.

In the shop, often times I will manually go into the hidden temp folders in various locations on the hard drive. These locations depend on what operating system you are running. If all of this seems like too much of a bother, bring it in and we can do it for you. All this at very reasonable pricing.

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