

# January Topics

## Maintaining Your Mac

One of the first items many overlook is emptying the trash. Depending on how much you delete will determine how often to empty the trash. On newer computers with large hard drives when you get about 2GB in the trash it is time to empty it with. Older systems need to be emptied when it is about 5-10 percent of capacity. So a 80 MB drive needs to be emptied when the trash is about 8MB. This frees space for your computer to use. Just because it is in the trash does not mean it is gone.

Keep your desktop clean. The desktop is for temporary use, NOT filing. At the end of every week look at what has accumulated and either file it or trash it.

Those with high-speed internet and download movies, or TV shows, will use 250MB per half hour of show-time. HD even more. The latest and greatest RAW photo files are more exacting and consume tons of storage space. It is better to keep them in a separate hard drive. ALWAYS keep 10% of your total drive space open for file swapping by the computer.

Afraid to throw away something? Another reason to have back ups.

Checking hard drive status with S.M.A.R.T. Open about this mac and find the latest SMART status, and for laptops, battery status. Also, check hard drive status using the disk utility, where you repaired permissions. Finally, delete unused applications, and remove unneeded auto boots.

### Macworld

- New MacBook Pro 17 inch Unibody with 8 hour battery life. Optional non-glare screen.
- iLife '09 with iPhoto face recognition and geocoding to google maps. iMovie brings back the lost iMovie '06 features. That is a welcome announcement.
- iWork '09 adds expanded spreadsheet capabilities and Pages refinements.
- Keynote integration with other Apple applications is improved and expanded.
- iWork.com (beta) online file sharing and editing. Lets Windows users collaborate.
- iTunes - DRM free

## NEW PRODUCTS

### eyeTV

All-in-One TV for your Mac. Turns your Mac into a TV set & digital video recorder. Connect your TV cable directly to eyeTV to receive HDTV & standard TV in digital formats. Tune into FM radio.

### pogo stylus

The stylus is designed to precisely trigger the multi-touch display in your iPhone or iTouch. Use it to type, navigate, sketch, & play.

### HeatShift Cooling Pad

The HeatShift uses unique crystals that cools on contact. The crystals changes from a solid to a liquid to help dissipate heat from laptop computers. Use it on a table or your lap.

**KB Keyboard Covers**-Perfectly shaped ultra-thin keyboard covers. Some designed with keyboard shortcuts for programs like Aperture, Photoshop, Final Cut, InDesign & many more.