# Computer Backup Issues For Windows 8

## Backup

#### Basic information backup

- Copy your personal information from the hard drive to another media / location
  - > CD (700 MB)
  - > DVD (4.7 GB)
  - Flash drive (16 GB ± \$10)
  - External hard drive (500 GB ± \$55)
  - Second internal hard drive (500 GB ± \$60)
  - In the clouds (to a web site)

Using a CD or DVD

- Decide what files and folders you want to back up
- Check the total file size of the information selected to determine if you need a CD or DVD
  - > On the menu bar, click Share
    - Click Burn to disc
      - Place a disc in the drive and wait for the next box to appear (don't insert a disc until prompted)
        - Give the disc a title (16 characters max)
        - Select With a CD/DVD player
        - Click Next

- The program will copy what you have selected to a special folder used for creating the disc
- A small rectangular box should appear in the bottom right corner of the window to let you know you have files waiting to be burned to disc - click in the box (called a balloon)
- The program should take you to the CD/DVD drive and show you the files ready to be written to the disc
- If that doesn't happen, click on the CD/DVD drive
  - > On the menu bar, click Manage, select Finish burning and follow the instructions

#### > Using a USB flash drive

- > Insert the flash drive in any USB port
- Decide what files and folders you want to back up
  - Use the right mouse button to drag the files and folders to the USB flash drive
  - Release the right mouse button and select Copy here
- > Using an external or second internal hard drive
  - Use the same drop-and-drop procedures that you would use with a USB flash drive
- Cloud storage establish an account and follow the procedures listed on the site

- Use the backup program that is part of the operating system for personal information
  - Go to the Control Panel and select System and Security
    - Under File History, select Save backup copies of your files with File History
      - You need to use a USB flash drive or external hard drive to save your backup
      - > Select the device/drive you want to use
      - Click Advanced settings
        - Chose how often you want to save files and how long you want to keep saved version
        - > Click the Save changes button

- Click the Turn on button if available
- Click Run now
- The device you are using for the backup must be attached at the time the program is scheduled to run - however, remove the device when not using the computer
- To restore files
  - Go to the Control Panel, and select System and Security
    - Under File History, select Restore your files with File History
      - Click to highlight what you want to restore, then click the green (Restore to original location.) button

- Use the backup/restore options that are part of the operating system - for operating system backup and recovery
  - Display the charms bar, click PC Settings and select Change PC settings
    - Under PC settings, click General and then scroll to the bottom of the right panel to see the options
      - Refresh your PC without affecting your files
        - > This option will remove some applications
      - Remove everything and reinstall Windows
      - > Advanced startup
        - Start the computer from a USB flash drive or DVD
        - > Reinstall Windows from a system image

- One of the first things you need to do after you get a new computer running is create a set of recovery discs
  - > On the start screen, type recover
    - In the right panel, click Apps and select Recovery Media Creator (wording will vary based on brand)
      - Use this program to create DVDs that you can use to reinstall the operating system to the factory configuration
        - > Usually requires three DVDs
        - Will take about one hour
  - > Also create (if this option is available)
    - > A drivers and applications disc
    - > A system repair disc

#### > Cloud storage

- > Apple iCloud 5 GB, sync
- Box 10 GB, sync, sharing, collaboration
- Dropbox 2 GB, sync, sharing
- Google Drive 15 GB shared with other Google programs, sync, collaboration
- Microsoft SkyDrive 7 GB, sharing, collaboration
- SugarSync 5 GB, sync
- Backup Programs
  - > Acronis Truelmage 2014 \$49.99
  - > Carbonite \$49.95
  - ShadowCopy Desktop 5 \$89.95