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New Computer Recommendations

We've prepared this checklist to assist our clients when purchasing a new computer. If you need more specific assistance please give us a call. We offer a fixed-price computer specification service.

Windows vs. Mac

There's a lot of discussion these days about whether to buy a new PC or Mac. Both are fine platforms but we think the decision should be made with the following points in mind:

1. If you're used to working on a PC or Mac, the learning curve will be lessened if you stay with the same platform.
2. If you need to use a certain program, make sure it will run on your new computer.
3. Don't buy the most expensive computer if you don't need all the bells and whistles. It's more economical to buy a mid-priced computer and replace it every 4-5 years than to buy a high-priced computer and hope to keep it for 10 years.

Backup

Make sure to always backup your documents, email, music and pictures. You can purchase an external hard drive for \$100-\$300, you can use an online backup service for \$50-60 per year, or you can backup your files to CDs or DVDs. Please don't skip this important step.

New Computer Recommendations-PC

Item	Budget	Mainstream	High-End
Processor:	Core2Duo	Core2Quad	I5, I7 or I9
Memory:	2 GB	4 GB	8-16 GB
Video Memory:	256 MB	512 MB	1 GB
Operating System:	Windows 7	Windows 7	Windows 7
Monitor:	19-22" LCD	22-24" LCD	24-30" LCD
Price Range:	\$650-\$850	\$850-\$1,100	\$1,200-\$2,500+

New Computer Recommendations-Mac

Item	Budget	Mainstream	High-End
Model:	Mac Mini	iMac 21	MacPro
Processor:	Core2Duo	Core2Duo	Quad-Core
Memory:	2 GB	4 GB	3 GB
Monitor:	19-22" LCD	21" LCD	24-30" LCD
Price Range:	\$750-\$950	\$1,199	\$3,400-\$4,300+