



provide it, create an email account with one of the free email sites such as Hotmail or Yahoo. When signing up for this email account, don't give your real information. Then when a website asks you to sign in, use the fake email account. That way, you will not be bombarded with spam and no personal info will have been given out.

8. Change your age Tell websites that you are under 13. Most advertisers don't want to spam under-thirteen-year-olds.

9. Report SPAM

10. Have your computer give you reminders

When I whined to our web goddess Mickey that I wished I had "reminder software" on my computer, she told me that I had not one, but two different ways to remind me and that most people do, but don't realize it. When mine reminds me, it dings, and flashes a light, and practically taps me on the shoulder and hands me a cup of coffee. It is very, very, very cool.

If you do not know how to do one or more of the above, make up your mind that this month you will learn at least one on your own, or find someone to teach you.

Here's to your taking charge of your electronic clutter.

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