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New Year Digital Cleanup: Password Checkup, Old Accounts, Backup Check

A fresh year is a good excuse to clean up a few things most people put off: passwords reused across too many sites, old accounts nobody closed, and a backup that was set up once and never checked since. This guide covers a quick password checkup, closing old accounts, and confirming your backup actually works.

Why a yearly **cleanup** helps

A few small habits, checked once a year, close most of the easy openings.

Reused passwords spread

One breached site can unlock every other account using the same password.

Forgotten accounts linger

An old account you no longer use is still a target if it still exists.

Untested backups can fail quietly

A backup that never finishes, or never gets checked, might not be there when you need it.

New Year digital cleanup, step by step

NEW YEAR CLEANUP

Still using the same password everywhere?

A few minutes of digital cleanup now can save you a real headache later.

WHAT TO DO

We're Naples Computers, helping Naples families clean this up since 1993.

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same password

Email

Bank

Shopping

Social

PASSWORDS

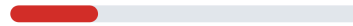
1 Run a password checkup

A password manager will flag any password you've reused or that's shown up in a breach.

WHAT TO DO

Change the reused and weak ones first, and turn on MFA everywhere it's offered.

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Weak

Pat . Jones . 1958



OK

rT7#kq9!Vw2m\$Lp4



Strong

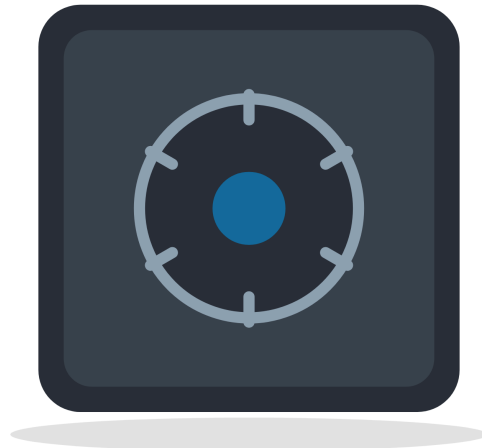
OLD ACCOUNTS

2 Close old accounts you don't use

Think old shopping sites, old email addresses, apps you tried once and forgot about.

WHAT TO DO

Each one you close is one less place your information can be sitting, or get breached later.



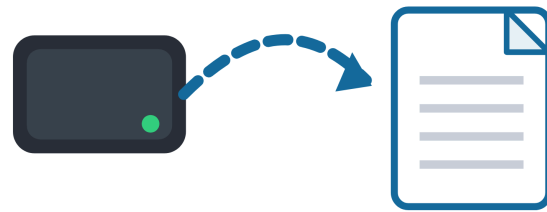
BACKUP CHECK

3 Confirm your backup actually works

Open your backup drive or cloud backup, and check that recent files are really there.

WHAT TO DO

Better yet, try restoring one file. That's the only way to know a backup truly works.



Open a restored file: does it work?

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★ Want help running the full cleanup?

We'll check your passwords, close old accounts with you, and test that your backup really works.

WHAT TO DO

Call 239-513-1960 to get your new year started clean.



A few more habits

- ☐ Use a password manager
It remembers strong, unique passwords so you don't have to
- ☐ Turn on MFA everywhere
Email, banking, and social media first
- ☐ Let your devices and apps update
Most security fixes arrive quietly, through routine updates

Recap: new year digital cleanup

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| ☐ Run a password checkup, fix reused and weak ones first | ☐ Use a password manager and turn on MFA everywhere |
| ☐ Close old accounts you don't use anymore | ☐ Want help? Call Naples Computers |
| ☐ Confirm your backup actually works, try restoring a file | |
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A password manager and MFA cover most of the risk on their own. The one step people skip is actually testing a backup by restoring a file, don't assume it works just because it's been running.



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