

SPAM

ChoiceMail Free. Keep spam out of your in-box by receiving e-mail only from recognized or approved senders.

http://www.download.com/ChoiceMail-Free/3000-2382_4-10434830.html?tag=lst-6-8

Junk Mail. Lately, we've heard so much about spam. It's easy to forget about another annoyance: junk mail that is delivered by the U.S. postal service. It's the preapproved offers for credit cards that are of great concern. With identity theft on the rise, you don't want offers with your information on them floating around. Credit card companies get your information from credit reporting agencies. Then, you're bombarded with the offers. Fortunately, you can opt out of the offers by contacting the credit-reporting agencies. OptOutPrescreen.com makes it easy by consolidating things. Just fill out one form, and you can opt out at all the major credit reporting agencies. A word of warning: To opt out, you must submit your Social Security number. So don't use a shared computer to submit the form. If you're still leery, use the toll-free number.

<http://www.OptOutPrescreen.com>

The editors of Internet ScamBusters present the best resources and tips for reducing the amount of junk email you receive.

www.scambusters.org/stopspam

Exactly what is spam, why is it bad, and what can you do about it? A basic primer about spam and other e-mail pests, including "phishing".

www.SpamPrimer.com

Spam, spyware, spoofing, security breaches, and other Internet nasties. Aunty Spam's Net Patrol gives you up to the minute reporting, along with a healthy dose of editorial commentary and pithy, witty remarks.

www.aunty-spam.com

The SpamCon Foundation is a broad-based non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the amount of spam on the Internet. By bringing together email users, network administrators, marketers and legal pros, SpamCon seeks to stop junk email and protect email as a medium of communications and commerce.

www.spamcon.org

A central resource of all information relating to spam, with topical news, reviews, FAQs and useful links. The site covers other issues such as scams and phishing.
www.spamfo.co.uk

Fire-Trust MailWasher. is a free utility for scanning incoming email. As a rules-based tool, MailWasher performed quite well when tested by the lab staff at Smart Computing magazine. The interface for the free version is a bit clunky, but for \$30 you can upgrade to the full version, which has a cleaner interface with a preview pane and a nicer-looking grid.

Both versions (free and Pro) let you use the bounce-back function, which tricks spam senders into thinking the email address is invalid. You can even bounce mail back to a specific domain. Only the Pro version supports a Hotmail account, however. Also, the small company doesn't have the extensive resources of either Symantec or Network Associates to maintain rules, provide tech support, or provide a streamlined, Windows-integrated update system.
<http://www.mailwasher.net>

All-in-One Secretmaker combines several tools: a spam fighter, a pop-up blocker, a banner blocker, a movie blocker, a privacy protector, history cleaners, a worm hunter, and a cookie eraser. Spam Fighter recognizes spam and works with any POP3 e-mail client; spam is rated, and the fully automated white list keeps preferred contacts up-to-date. The banner blocker reduces advertising banners, the movie blocker blocks Flash ads, besides uncountable spyware sources locked out, and improves surfing speeds. The pop-up blocker stops unwanted pop-ups, and the privacy protector hides your identity while you surf. The cookie eraser circumvents profiling. Various whitelists allow user-specific optimizations. The history cleaner clears needless files, logs, and tracks. You also can create your own plug-ins. All-in-One Secretmaker is suitable for novices, as well as for professionals. Version 4.1.4 comes with a new user interface and advanced blocker services against ads. Please read the instructions for best results.
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