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Happy New Year
from Your Team at
McClain Insurance Services!

Start the New Year Being "Green"

Christmas can be a prime time for giving and receiving electronics. If you are wondering what to do with your old gadgets, we might have the solution for you:

FREE Electronics Recycling Event Saturday, January 14th, 2012 - 10am - 2pm

At our office: 10410 19th Ave SE, Everett - just South of Costco

Simply drop off your old or outdated TV, PC, Laptop, Monitor or Cell Phone. Other electronics such as VCRs, DVD Players, Stereos, or small microwaves are accepted for a \$5 fee.

For this event, we've partnered with **E-Waste**, a Washington State certified E-Cycle collector, transporter and processor. For more information, please visit www.AutoHomeBoat.com/ECycle.

Keep Your Electronic Data Safe

When talking about electronics recycling, the question of data security is not far behind. Awareness and vigilance are your best friends in keeping your personal information safe. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

Hardware: The average American household owns 24 electronic devices. In case of a loss, the hardware alone would be expensive and cumbersome to replace. A home inventory - more specifically, a home electronics inventory - can help you keep track of your possessions and save time and hassle in case of a claim. For more information and to download a sample spreadsheet, please visit AutoHomeBoat.com/ECycle.

Disposing of Old Computers: Simply deleting files, emptying the Recycling Bin, or even reformatting the hard drive, won't do the trick. After downloading all data you want to keep, use a program that wipes the hard drive *multiple times*, or remove and physically destroy it. For more info, please visit OnGuardOnline.gov.

Photocopiers: Almost every photocopier built since 2002, especially the high-end machines found in copy shops, contains a hard drive. Necessary for the speedy processing of jobs, they also automatically store the data of every page the machine ever photocopied. The problem: If machines are retired without their hard drives thoroughly cleaned, the data they hold may be available to whomever gets their hands on it. Depending on what you (or your accountant, employer or doctor) photocopied, your personal information may be jeopardized. Before using a public or employer's photocopier, ask whether it contains a hard drive, and what the provider's security policy is. In case of doubt, invest in a personal printer/scanner/copier and be sure to clean its hard drive thoroughly according to manufacturer's directions before retiring it.

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New Year - New You! Have Your Insurance Needs Changed?

A new year is upon us, and with it new resolutions, goals and tasks. It's also an excellent time to review your insurance plan. We recommend regular policy reviews for 3 reasons:



1. You May Be Over-Paying: Whether your commuting patterns have changed, car usage decreased, loans paid off, household members moved out, or grades improved - you may qualify for a discount. Let us find out what's new and apply it to your policy. Consider increasing your deductible to save on insurance.

2. You May Be Under-Insured: In light of the current real estate market, many homeowners opt to invest in remodeling instead of moving. This is the time to update your homeowner's policy for adequate coverage. Also, your income and assets may have changed, warranting adjusted insurance protection. With lawsuits becoming more frequent and aggressive, it pays to have the right protection in a liability claim.

3. Save Hassle and Paperwork: We can help you to conveniently consolidate all your personal insurance needs. Call us at 425-379-9200 for a free and easy insurance review.

Refer A Friend - Get FREE Gas * Pay It Forward *



We truly appreciate your support of our agency! Thank you for your business and trust!

As a small token of our appreciation, if you refer a friend to our agency, you receive a **\$25 Costco Gas Card** for each referral.

In addition, we will make a **\$10 donation** per referral to the **Charity of the Month**.

This Month's Charity: Cocoon House

In honor of client, Larry Warner, who recently received the Bank of America Local Hero Award for his work at **Cocoon House**.



Cocoon House provides shelter and support to local homeless and at-risk youth.

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