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### **IMPROVE BATTERY LIFE IN A WINDOWS 7 LAPTOP:**

Anybody who has a Windows 7 laptop is going to be concerned with how to make the battery last longer, but did you realize there's a built-in troubleshooting wizard in Windows 7 that helps you maximize your battery life? This is, of course, only one of the ways to maximize your battery life; your best bet is to adjust your screen brightness and get rid of some junk applications that abuse the CPU. I would avoid the weather and news software that is always running by your choice. Type in the word "Power" in the search option on the startup menu. Choose to adjust the power settings. A wizard should appear to walk you through the process of changing when your computer goes to sleep, etc. Did you know the screen saver actually wastes battery power? Have the screen dim and delay the screen saver or even disable it. You can find all these options in the Control Panel as well.

### **MALWARE, SPYWARE AND SCAREWARE:**

Have you ever seen a popup appear on your screen telling you it has found infections or spyware on your computer and strongly encourages you to **CLICK HERE** to troubleshoot or clean your files immediately before it is too late? Gotcha!! You have just been intimidated by scare tactics to allow some spyware and probably malware onto your computer. Now bad things will start accumulating and creeping around behind the scenes till you CPU not only slows down but acts like it is possessed. Well...it is. Some software even looks and acts like the real thing, making you feel more secure. There is no such thing as a good guy out there looking out for you and your computer files. If you did not invite particular software to check your computer, then it is malicious and threatening. **DO NOT EVER** let an uninvited application to look at your computer. If you want to avoid such action install something like Malwarebytes, Spybot and Zone Alarm. These are all free and will do their best to keep the evil at arm's length. I suggest you "Google" each term and then carefully download from each website. Read the small print. The big difference here is that **YOU** went to them; they did not come to you. You will see that some versions offer upgrades for a small charge. I say try the free version first. It is probably all you really need. If that is not good enough, purchase the more powerful software. Good luck and be careful.

### **I MAKE HOUSE CALLS:**

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