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## Summer?

It's finally warmed up enough so that we can consider that we are in summer. It's high time for summer food! What is your favorite food that doesn't heat up the kitchen? Mine is Tortellini Salad. I have provided you a basic recipe below:



- 1 lb tortellini
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 can black olives
- 1 (6 oz.) jar marinated artichoke hearts w/liquid
- 1 cup left over cooked/rotisserie chicken
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes

Mix all ingredients and chill for at least 1/2 hour. Serve with a sprinkling of feta cheese on top!

This recipe can be made in the fall or winter with blanched vegetable such as asparagus or broccoli. You can substitute ravioli for the tortellini, green pepper for the red, green olives for the black or a large chopped tomatoes for the cherry. Use whatever you have in the fridge or your pantry; just make sure you get a colorful mix!

## Connection Services Update - Service Speed Upgrade

We have completed the installation of the faster service and would like to thank our current customers once again by providing them with more speed at no or very little extra cost distance permitting. We are part way through our customer list now; it will take several more months to complete this process. If we can't get a hold of you when we call, we will leave a message that pertains to the upgrade that is applicable to you. If you have any questions or comments, please email (support@pyramid.net) or call us @ 888-6013.



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## Tech Tip #1

### The Importance of Battery Backups

The weather is unpredictable this summer and we need to remind you about problems that your high-end electronics may experience with inconsistent electricity. Computers, especially, are very temperamental where it concerns a steady flow of power. Because of the winds and unexpected storms that that we are experiencing, power is not the most stable in terms of voltage. Be it the minerals in the ground or the lightening in the ground, it is important that we even out the fluctuating power. A good investment is a surge protector or better yet a battery backup. Both of these will help keep the electricity that flows into your electronics at a more steady input. The battery backup will last longer and provide more power especially to a network of computers. Power strips are usually able to take lightning strikes but are not able to withstand a direct or nearby strike. If there is lightning in the area, it is best to not only shut down the computers but also to unplug them from the wall and this includes the phone line. Surges from lightning can and do travel through the phone lines and can damage computer parts.

## Tech Tip #2

### Maintenance

This is important maintenance of your system that needs to be performed once a month or whenever something changes on your system. If you notice a slowdown in speed, a failure to connect or a problem with your email, you will want to clear the system with this procedure before you resort to other troubleshooting. Many, many times this will solve your problems.

- Unplug the modem (and router if you have one) and your computer.
- Let them rest unplugged for about 3 min. This lets them cool down and reset themselves. Electronics often collect extra pieces of programming and can only re-sync back to the way they were by being idle for a few minutes.
- Plug everything back in starting with the electronics closest to the electrical outlet.

## Postini - Filter Out The Spam!

Just a reminder, that Pyramid.Net has a low cost Spam Filter available for our customers. This will cut down on both the download time and you're personal filtering, making it easier for both you and your computer! Call any of our technicians for a short introduction to Spam Filters and to have Postini added to your account.

## About Our Organization

Pyramid.Net aims to provide you the best of the latest and greatest communication resources that are available. We offer free Internet classes once a month and unlimited phone support until 6pm weekdays to make this activity as convenient for you as possible.



Remember that Pyramid.

Net has a referral policy in which we will extend you a \$5 credit on your next bill plus a month free for the new customer that you refer. Call us at 884-3202 and tell us how we can best serve you!

## Reasons Why You Need the Internet

- **News** - Keep up with the breaking news
- **Shopping** - Price Comparison & Convenience
- **Education** - research school subjects for students
- **Communication** - Instant & Convenient



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