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Welcome to our 8th edition of Bits & Bytes!

Welcome back to our popular bi-weekly newsletter.

As a previous customer, associate or perhaps someone we've met at a networking event, we wanted to provide you with a short summary of technology news and events that may be of interest to you.

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DO YOU HAVE COMPUTER ASTHMA?

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When sitting at your computer, do you smell funny odours?

Do you get dry, irritated eyes?

Do allergies seem to kick in while you're Googling?

It could be that you are suffering from computer asthma.

Seriously.



What I'm referring to is the dust, mildew and airborne particles that your computer spews out into the room. Essentially, computers are air movers. They

Recycle or Remanufacture - Your Choice!

The most often asked question I receive from potential clients is the warranty violation potential. Here is the standard answer I always give when asked a question like this.

"Will using a remanufactured cartridge affect your warranty?"

No, not at all. It is not only wrong for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) to suggest it, it is actually illegal. As a consumer your rights are protected to purchase products from a supplier of your choice. If you read the label on many OEM cartridges they often time say "may contain recycled parts" so new is not always new!

In addition, some manufacturers who have cartridge return provisions will take back the cartridge but they do not remanufacture it. They break it down into recyclable parts for use in other products where the various types of plastic can be used. This may include park benches or road asphalt for example.

I commend them on recycling but think there are better alternatives to the products after one use than this.

have an intake fan and an exhaust fan that circulate the air and carry with it any airborne contaminants out into the air you breathe.

Computers make the perfect vessel for gathering dust. They are usually stored under desks or in confined spaces where the static charge they build up draws all the dust and dirt through the fan, into the computer and out through the exhaust. Not all the dust and debris is vented out through the exhaust.

Some of these particles stick to the fan. When the fan becomes clogged with debris they stop working properly and fail to cool the computer or equipment. The equipment can overheat and permanently damage internal components.

At CMC Eco Opportunities, we provide air purification solutions that work to remove airborne contaminants, odours and the potential for microbe growth with a product line of active and passive air, ionization and odour control.

Our Gemini series even has HEPA filters.

Our product lines are an excellent addition to work stations, server rooms, network hubs and any other areas where technology and its users suffer from the onslaught of dust, dirt and particles that stick to everything.



From our smallest units to fully automatic devices with sensor control, UV and programmable



The second question I get asked is **"Do you refill or remanufacture?"**

There are companies that take an empty cartridge and empty out the spent toner or unused ink and simply stick fresh toner or ink into the empty provided. This is what I refer to as Type I remanufacturing. They fill it up with generic toner or ink and return it to you for subsequent use.

In some cases this is suitable but I have found that the reliability of these processes is not as strong as what I call Type II remanufacturing.

For me, what is preferable is to take your cartridges to a remanufacturer who actually does more than refill the cartridge.

Type II remanufacturing involves emptying out the spent toner reservoir and changing out the moving parts inside a laser cartridge. These parts include rollers and wiper blades.

Take a look at the shiny roller in your new cartridge and compare that to one received from a remanufacturer who provides Type II remanufacturing. You will see that the roller blade has been changed. Remanufacturers providing Type II remanufacturing also use the highest compatible ink and toner available to give the customer the best possible match to the original product provided by the manufacturer. Ink and toner is protected by copyright and cannot be duplicated but Type II remanufacturers spend time and money researching and developing the best possible toner or ink match for each manufacturer.

timers, there is no need for users to be subjected to poor air quality where they work - hour after hour and day after day. Even server rooms that are generally closed, cramped and not maintained by janitorial services can benefit from proper filtration to prolong the lifespan of their cooling systems.

So remember, If You Don't Own A Purifier ... You ARE The Purifier!



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You should expect to pay slightly more for a Type II remanufactured cartridge versus the Type I cartridge and depending on your application you are now better informed about your choices available.

So next time you are looking at replacing your printer cartridge do think about the remanufactured industry which has improved greatly over the past ten years. They offer a viable alternative to filling the landfill with empty cartridges and at the same time offer savings to your organization.

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