

## Advice on Taming Your Unruly Computer

### MAKE A RECOVERY DISC – by Allen Stein

Anything can happen when it comes to computers. It has taken a lot of work and a long time to teach your computer what you want it to do... installing new programs, making your own configurations and settings. It would be a shame to lose all of that and have to start over.

Your PC may have come with a recovery CD that will restore it to the precise state, as far as the operating system is concerned with drivers and software that came with it when you took it out of the box. The older your computer gets and the more you use it, the less useful the original recovery CD is. It will lack those settings I just mentioned and the Windows updates and service packs that you would have installed over time.

It is an excellent idea for you to build a new recovery CD, and fortunately you can with Windows XP. Here is a link that can help you go through the steps related to building a new recovery CD. [www.go.pcmag.com/xpsp2recover](http://www.go.pcmag.com/xpsp2recover)

You can also bring your computer (just the CPU) to a computer repair shop and have them do it or have a service call to your home or office. Making a new recovery CD is one of the best ways to keep enjoying computing.

Allen is one of JASAsolutions' Computer Tamers who host The Computer Club heard every Wednesday after the 5 o'clock news on WILI AM 14. You can learn more about getting your unruly computer under control by visiting [www.TheComputerTamers.com](http://www.TheComputerTamers.com) and explore the free information compiled there for you. Be sure to visit the Computer Tamers Store at 197 Trumbull Hwy. Lebanon.



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