



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I trust the new year is starting out well for you.

As you can imagine, I get lots of questions regarding computers and technology. So I've decided to write a regular (I'm hoping for monthly) e-mail addressing issues that appear to be pertinent or timely.

New daylight saving time starts on March 11.

In August of 2005 the United States Congress passed the Energy Policy Act, which extends daylight saving time (DST) by one month, three weeks in the spring and one week in the fall. DST will start three weeks earlier (2 am on the second Sunday in March) and will end one week later (2 am on the first Sunday in November) than what has traditionally occurred.

Changes in daylight saving time:

Previously DST would have started on April 1, but now DST will begin at 2 am on March 11th. And DST would have ended on October 28, but now DST will end at 2 am on November 4th.

There are patches available from Microsoft to update the Time Zone calculations in Windows XP (SP2) Windows 2000, and Windows Server. These patches should be downloaded and installed by your local systems administrator. Note that Windows 98 is no longer supported by Microsoft and no patch is available. Other devices (like your alarm clocks, phones, thermostats, and timers) will probably need to have the time set manually.

For more information, check out Microsoft's web site at <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/timezone/dst2007.msp>

For more information on Daylight Savings Time, its history and why we use it, see the California Energy Commission web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/daylightsaving.html>

Let me know if you have any topics that you'd like covered or questions that you would like answered in subsequent newsletters.

Thanks,
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