

How do we configure Windows to shut down our monitors/computers after periods of inactivity?

Might we suggest an alternative solution, one we employ ourselves: *never turn your computer off*. Follow these simple steps and you'll never have to turn the computers on or off and you'll even save energy!

In practice, get in the habit of leaving the computers on: set the Windows Power feature to turn the monitor off automatically and hibernate the computers after a period of inactivity--say 15 minutes for the monitor and 30 for the CPU. Click:

- START
- Control panel
- Power Options

You'll see the settings tabbed:

- Turn off Monitors: select "15 minutes"
- Turn off HardDrives: select "1 hour"
- System Standby: select "Never"
- System Hibernates: select "Never"

We NEVER turn off the computers or monitors, we just let the Windows manage it. The only time it gives us trouble (ie we have to reboot) is when there is a power failure or lightning strike. So the system powers down after a period of inactivity--when you want to use, give the mouse a shake or touch the keyboard & you're back in business.