February 2025 Cyber Security Tip: Digital Cleanup

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- **Online Services:** Review your current online accounts and remove any accounts that you no longer use. Do not reuse passwords for accounts across systems.

- **Social Media:** Review your security settings, what is being posted, and who has access to those posts. Oversharing content can lead to social engineering attacks.

- **Smartphone/Tablets:** Review the applications currently installed on your devices and delete any applications you no longer use. Make sure all updates have been applied and multi-factor authentication is enabled when possible.

- **Backups:** Perform regular backups of your devices and ensure you can recover data.

- **Unused Devices:** Before taking your unused devices to a recycle center, make sure you destroy any hard drives. Hard drives can contain your sensitive information and deleting them alone does not prevent a bad actor from recovering your data.

- **Home Wi-Fi:** Set up a strong password for your home Wi-Fi, use WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access 2) encryption, and turn on your home router firewall. Install and keep your antivirus up to date on all your devices. These protections will prevent unauthorized entities from connecting to your network.

Key takeaway: Cleanup of your digital footprint helps protect your privacy, reputation, and can help prevent identity theft, fraud, or other online criminal activity.

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