

# Profit\$ Newsletter

## Issue 2



### Spring Cleaning, Profit\$ Style!

It's that time of year again! Everyone is grabbing their brooms and brushes and preparing to clean. And while you don't want to take soap and water to your server, there are plenty of housecleaning tips you can use on your Profit\$ system!

**Check your Backups!** Now is the perfect time to make sure that you have a proper and up to date backup of you data. Also, if you are using a tape drive and backup tapes, now is the perfect time to check the integrity of your tapes. Generally, if you are using a tape once a week, you should replace it after two years (100 writes). It is possible to continue using a backup tape for longer than this, but you run the risk of the data being compromised or corrupted. Contact Sales if you need more tapes. When it comes to your data, it's better to be safe than sorry!

**Look for Active Receipts!** An active receipt is a transaction that is still open (i.e. layaway, credit memo). These types of receipts can often be overlooked, and the automatic purging process cannot delete them. There are only a set number of dates you can have in Profit\$, so old active receipts can cause problems down the road. To find these open receipts, run a Sales Log in the cash register. If you set the type of report to Active Only, and check all the register letters, this will show you all the open receipts you have on the system. If any of these are old or no longer needed, make sure to close them out. This will keep your date index nice and clean.

**Clear out old reports printed to file!** Profit\$ has a limited amount of how many reports it can hold when they are printed to file. When you view your Diagnostic or Managerial reports, make sure to remove old reports that are no longer needed. This will help you avoid getting an EPALABEL error.

### Changes to Daylight Saving Time!

The United States has planned a change to its DST observance beginning in 2007. This new policy mandates that DST will start on the second Sunday in March and end on the first Sunday in November. This year, the Sundays fall on March 11<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is an experiment to see if this change can save energy. This will also affect computers and the time information in Profit\$. Depending on your operating system, there are different ways to handle this:

**For Windows:** Microsoft is creating fixes and documents to make sure all computers running Windows can get updated automatically. If you have Internet access, go to <http://www.microsoft.com/dst2007> for all the information you will need.

**For UNIX:** UNIX has issued a patch for versions 5.0.7 and 6.0. If you are using UNIX, contact Profit\$ Tech Support at 1-800-949-1470 option 5, and ask to speak with a technician. They will be able to assist you in making sure your Time settings are correct.

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### Get It While It's Hot

The latest version of Profit\$ in General Release is 3.4 Rel 8. If you have a Support Contract, you can get this upgrade for free! Contact Profit\$ Support at 1-800-949-1470 option 5 and we will mail it to you. Besides the enhancements to Pmail, this version supports Gift Cards, a POS rewards program, a signature capture device for credit and debit card transactions as well as fixes to prior issues. Please be sure to read the documentation on the upgrade CD that lists the features and fixes.