Project 1

Technology in Your Life

UNIT

Enrichment Activity 1.2

**Protecting Your Computer – Part 2**

This checklist will help you to identify ways to protect your computer and equipment. Check the box next to each item that applies to the computers in your classroom. For any items that are left unchecked, think about why they do not apply to you.

**Computer Environment**

□ Place computersin temperature-controlled rooms.

□ Keep computers away from air conditioning or heating vents.

□ Keep computers in an area free of dust.

□ Keep computers and media a safe distance from electrical or magnetic fields.

□ Make sure cables are not kinked or twisted.

□ Route cables so they will not be stepped on or rolled over by chairs.

□ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Power Spikes and Power Surges**

□ Connect all power wires in a way so that they cannot be accidentally disconnected.

□ Connect the computer to a surge suppressor to help avoid damage from power spikes. Do not connect the computer directly to an outlet.

□ Employ a UPS (uninterruptible power supply) device that will keep computers running in the event of a power outage.

□ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_