

## Forgotten Administrator Password

**The Hassle:** I forgot the password I use to log on as administrator. Now I can't do monthly maintenance, such as dumping useless programs on my home computer.

**The Fix:** You have a few ways to retrieve your administrator password. [Kelly Theriot's method](#) is free, but it's tricky and certain to make you dizzy. The [Login Recovery site](#) will do the dirty work for free, but it takes two days (if you pay a \$20 fee, the job gets done in 10 minutes). Your best bet is to spring for [NT Access](#), a \$70 app from Sunbelt Software. Next time, write the password on a sticky note. (Just kidding.)

Here are two articles that may help:

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/132086-12/how\\_to\\_survive\\_the\\_worst\\_pc\\_disasters.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/132086-12/how_to_survive_the_worst_pc_disasters.html)

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/136677-2/how\\_to\\_recover\\_almost\\_anything.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/136677-2/how_to_recover_almost_anything.html)

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