Computer Corner The Drive To Back Up PCs

(NAPSA)—It can pay for home computer users to remember one important axiom: the bigger the hard drive, the harder the crash.

As PCs continue to be used for a growing number of purposes, experts say it is more important than ever for people to back up their hard drives.

Fortunately, new storage and rewrite technology make it easy to protect computers. For example, Memorex makes a DVD+RW/+R Super Combo Drive. The technology serves as seven drives in one, meaning users no longer need to worry about CD and DVD format issues. It lets people easily transfer the contents of their hard drives to CD or DVD. The drive can be an all-in-one solution to the important question of "which type of drive do I need?"

The technology lets consumers play their favorite DVDs and record up to 4.7 gigabytes of video, data, photo or audio files in less than 30 minutes. The drive writes to CD-R and high-speed CD-RW media. The DVD+RW/+R format lets people make changes to DVD+RW discs they've made without having to rewrite the entire disk. This feature can be especially convenient for those who like to edit their own home movies.

The new capabilities mean you can now:

• Create online scrapbooks— You can copy your favorite pictures or short home movies and post them on the 'Net.



New seven-in-one CD rewrite drives let people back up their hard drives, make online scrapbooks and more.

• Create an online family tree—The drive can quickly save pictures and stories of various family members. The information can then be uploaded to a familyhistory Web site.

• Create your own music video or home movie—The drive's large capacity for memory and easy-edit functions let users store music and video images.

• Eliminate your file cabinet— Homeowners can copy important documents to CD. That can free up house space for more important things.

• Store your own medical/dental X-rays—Having your and your family's X-rays on hand can save valuable time in the event of an emergency.

For more information, visit www.memorex.com.