

## Re: home search assistant

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All following information has been gathered from various MVP (MOST VALUABLE PERSON) websites and Microsoft public newsgroups manned by MVP's. {These people know their stuff.}

If you are having parasite woes try all the following procedures.

1. Go to Windows update and download/install all "Critical Updates".  
<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/>

2. Download/update all of the following (they are all free, you can make a contribution if you choose):

Spybot Search and Destroy

<http://www.safer-networking.net/>

Spybot Tutorial:

<http://forum.gladiator-antivirus.com/index.php?showtopic=8630>

Lavasoft AdAware

<http://www.lavasoft.de>

AdAware full scan setup procedure: <http://www.lavahelp.com/howto/fullscan/>

AdAware Tutorial:

<http://forum.gladiator-antivirus.com/index.php?showtopic=8050>

CWSShredder

<http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>

CWShredderTutorial:

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php?showtutorial=47>

SpywareBlaster

<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html>

(SpywareBlaster is not a spyware remover; it prevents spyware from being installed in the first place) SpywareBlaster Tutorial:

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php?showtutorial=49>

3. If you don't have antivirus protection get a free one here:

Grisoft AntiVirus:

[http://www.grisoft.com/us/us\\_dwnl\\_free.php](http://www.grisoft.com/us/us_dwnl_free.php)

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4. If you need a firewall get a free one here:

<http://www.download.com/3000-2092-10039884.html?part=zonealarm&subj=dlpage&tag=button>

5. Now, log off the Internet. If you are running Windows ME or XP, disable system restore. Instructions here:

<http://www.pchell.com/virus/systemrestore.shtml>

6. Then run AdAware

7. Run Spybot:

8. Run CWSShredder:

The free versions of AdAware, Spybot and CWSShredder do