



# PACIFIC DISASTER NET

## Forum Etiquette

There are a few ground rules for participation in forums. Please respect these rules, and respect other members involved in the discussion.

1. Treat others as you wish to be treated
2. Search the other posts to see if your topic is already covered.
3. Use a descriptive and meaningful title for your thread.
4. Do not use a forum to promote your product, service or business.
5. Be civil. Personal differences should be handled through email or IM and not through posts displayed to everyone.
6. Stay on topic.
7. Ignore spammers, respond to them personally and not through the board, or report them.
8. Do not submit a post that requires readers to download a large attachment. Either explain the attachment or provide a link to the information.
9. Use plain text over HTML if you want your post to be readable by everyone.
10. In order to be understood by most people, use correct spelling, grammar and avoid slang unless you know the word or phrase will be understood by other members.
11. Do not double post (post the same message twice in one thread) or cross post (place the same message across several forums).
12. Act in a give and take manner; help others as often as or more than you ask for help.
13. Do not use all caps or SHOUT in your posts. In addition, one exclamation mark is enough.
14. When replying to a post, do not quote more from the previous post than you have to.
15. Do not post new problems on someone else's thread and interrupt a topic of discussion.
16. Do not use someone else's thread for a private conversation.
17. Most forums prohibit pirate copies, cracks or illegal downloading of software and similar topics.
18. People from a variety of backgrounds and ages may read the posts, look out for your language and sense of humour.
19. Use a modest signature. Huge and annoying signatures will be removed by the moderator.
20. Do not post any information that you want private. Posts should not contain personal, identifiable information or embarrassing content.
21. Do not post content that violates a copyright.
22. Do not post "empty" or useless responses, such as just "lol" or "cool."
23. Write concisely and do not ramble.
24. Do not use words like "urgent" or "important" in your subject line, be patient.
25. Do not scold or blame newbies. Show respect and encourage.

(Reference <http://forum-services-review.toptenreviews.com/25-forum-posting-etiquette-tips.html>)