

3rd Party Registry Cleaners and “Tune-up” applications

Don't use 3rd party registry cleaners or “tune -up” applications. To name a few: CCleaner, AVG TuneUp for PC, Avast Grime -Fighter, Wise Registry Cleaner, JetClean, Auslogics Registry Cleaner, Registry Mechanic, Advanced System Care, AML Registry Cleaner, Slim Cleaner, JV16 PowerToolsX, EasyCleaner.

The Windows Registry is a database of settings for all hardware, software, and user preferences on your computer, that controls how Windows interacts with your hardware and applications. The above 3rd party cleaning applications were useful in Windows 3.1, Windows 95, Windows 98, but are actually redundant since Windows XP.

The above applications may irreparably damage your system, and the free versions may install unwanted toolbars and other applications on your computer.

Windows contains all the tools needed to keep your computer tuned, and the Creators and later versions do some of it automatically.

Check the settings: *Start > Settings > System > Storage > Change how we free up space.*

Microsoft warn not to use registry cleaners: [https://support.microsoft.com/en -au/help/2563254/microsoft -support -policy -for -the -use -of -registry -cleaning -utilities](https://support.microsoft.com/en-au/help/2563254/microsoft-support-policy-for-the-use-of-registry-cleaning-utilities)

Malwarebytes call these apps “digital snake oil”. [https://blog.malwarebytes.com/cybercrime/2015/06/digital -snake -oil/](https://blog.malwarebytes.com/cybercrime/2015/06/digital-snake-oil/)

For example, I ran CCleaner on Windows 10 and I then had zero search capability because CCleaner had corrupted my user profile.