YOUR LOCAL ACCOUNT PASSWORD HAS EXPIRED!

Unlike earlier editions of Windows, Windows 10 does not have an expiration date for your local account password. Interestingly, most Windows 10 local accounts don't even have passwords, therefore the question becomes: How can my local account password expire if there is no password? The obvious answer is that your local account password should never expire because one does not exist! In addition, even if you do have a password for your local account, you should never get a message stating that your password has expired, it just should not happen in Windows 10!

Unfortunately, some Windows 10 users have been advised that their password has expired and because they do not know the password, they are completely locked out of their system. Because Windows 10 does not have a password expiration date, technical support probably can't be of much help. The cause is probably a carryover from Windows 7 where it was possible to turn the expiration date issue on or off. It's possible that during the upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10, that the process was not eliminated on random computers.

If you are ever locked out of your computer because you don't know your local account password, you can resolve the issue in two steps:

Step 1: Install a free program on a flash drive. (Since you are locked out of your computer, you will have to do all of the following using another computer.)

1. Go to Lazesoft.com.
2. At the Password Recovery panel, click *learn more*.
3. Click on the Download tab that appears along the blue ribbon across the top.
4. Click on *download* for the Lazesoft Recovery Suite Home Edition.
5. You will be taken to the Download.com website where you will click on *download now*.
6. Click on *save as* and save the application to a flash drive.
7. It will take a couple seconds for the file to be downloaded.

Step 2:

1. Turn off your computer that is locked out.
2. Insert the flash drive that you created in Step 1 into a USB port of your locked computer.

3. As you boot up your computer, immediately start tapping the function key that will change your boot order. Depending on the computer manufacturer, it will be ESC, F2, F9, F10, or F12.
4. You will want to boot to the flash drive.
5. The Lazesoft software will open automatically and give you access to your local account.
6. Remove the flash drive from your computer, label it *password* or some other appropriate name, and store it in a safe place. Hopefully, you will never have to use it again, but perhaps a family member or neighbor may run into the problem and need a rescue.