



## Webmail Addresses

Never use your personal email address for subscribing to online newsletters or competitions. Always use a 'webmail' address. There are hundreds of sites with free webmail, among the most common are hotmail, yahoo, and gmail. I find that hotmail and yahoo have a number of issues so I personally use gmail. It has one of the largest inboxes (2GB) – that means it will hold a TON of emails before throwing out 'inbox full' errors to your friends and family. And it has lots of other features as well. Have a look at <http://mail.google.com/mail/help/intl/en/about.html> for a rundown.

For most, simply choose a username and a password, (sometimes you will be presented with another form) fill in the boxes and submit. And you're away. And if you use it on a regular basis, you can even add the account to your email program so that your webmail is downloaded to your computer (saves the hassle of going to the site to look at your mail). This can be useful depending on your use of the webmail address. If you get spammed (the email equivalent of junkmail) you can just close the webmail account and open another. Easy.

You can also use your gmail account as an interim backup. Just send yourself an email and leave it in your Inbox, or you can even use it to transfer data between two computers in your house. If the other computer doesn't have a usb port just send an email from the computer you're on, then go to the other computer and download it to *that* computer. Isn't technology wonderful?

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