SafeSleeper

was created to eliminate improper ejection of External Hard Drives and Storage Devices during the sleep process. SafeSleeper also addresses the issue that "File Sharing" and some network connections can prevent the computer from entering sleep. The computer may only put the display to sleep leading the user to think that their computer is asleep while it is still serving files and accessible through the network. SafeSleeper also temporarily cycles off the most common network connections that try to prevent sleep. Note: If you are transferring files over the network and you use SafeSleeper to stop the connection, you may corrupt the data of those transferred files.

Desktop is meant for non-portable computers. It will only Unmount all connected USB 1, 2, & 3 storage devices so that they are not improperly ejected by the sleep process. It will not unmount or eject any Firewire or E-SATA drives. SafeSleeper then looks for connected File Sharing users. If any connected users are found, SafeSleeper asks for your Administrator Password to temporarily stop the network connection and the file sharing service. However, you may want to have these users properly disconnect from this computer instead of forcing them off with SafeSleeper. If you choose to enter your password and force disconnect all other users, SafeSleeper will remember your password and do this automatically every time after. This can be useful if you leave idle computers connected and are not actually reading or writing files to or from them. If you choose not to enter your password and click cancel, you will not be able to fully sleep until the network conflict is resolved. If "Screen Sharing" is running, it quits the app. After everything is safely disconnected, SafeSleeper puts the computer to sleep. It is only safe to unplug USB 1, 2, & 3 devices during the sleep. When the computer wakes, the USB devices will show up (mount) again shortly.

Laptop is meant for portable computers. Once asleep you can safely unplug all external storage devices. It will Eject ALL connected external drives so they may be unplugged. Laptop SafeSleeper performs the same File Sharing and network functions as the Desktop SafeSleeper. After everything is safely disconnected, SafeSleeper puts the computer to sleep. When the computer wakes, if the external storage devices were not unplugged during the sleep, they may need to be unplugged and re-plugged before they show up or mount again.

Installation:

Put the version of SafeSleeper.app that you prefer in the Applications folder and then drag it to the dock. Double click it from the dock to sleep.