



“Hey, Computer Mann!” Monthly Newsletter

Thanksgiving Edition

Featuring our Company News, Tech Hints, Service Spotlight, and More.



by **Joel Mann** November 2017

We took a few of months off publishing our newsletter and am pleased to say that it's back! We have been busy enhancing our services and updating our showroom inventory. We've also been busy updating our building. Please stop by and see for yourself our changes! We are very proud of them.

Dates to note in November: We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday. This is to give our employees much needed time off so they can spend some time with their families. We will be open on Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. Stay tuned to our Facebook page, email and website for amazing deals on those days.

From all of us here at Mann Technologies, we wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!



Manny's Helpful Hints

Turn 'On' or 'Off' location services on your smartphone

For Android Devices

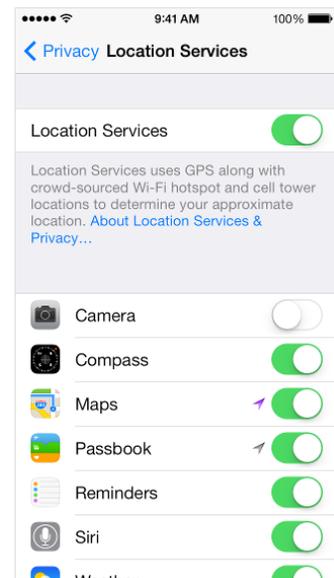
Unlock your phone, swipe down from the top and press the LOCATION or GPS icon. It usually looks like a map-pin. Depending on your device you may need to swipe left to find the icon.



This is a map pin.

For iPhones

1. Unlock your phone, go to 'Settings'
2. Tap on 'Privacy'
3. Tap on 'Location Services'
4. Tap on the green slider button to turn on or off



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Location Services - Fact vs Myth

by [Patrick Fogle](#) August, 2017

Lately, I've been hearing a lot about how our cell phones are spying on us through their location services. Let's start with the facts. Why do our phones track our location? This one is easy, and the reason is two-fold. Firstly, Google does not charge the maker of the phone for their Android operating system and since their developers need to get paid, they turn to ad revenue. Secondly, when you dial 911 from your cell phone there is no address associated with your phone number, and the 911 operator needs a location to send help to. The same for iOS, the operating system for an iPhone.

What do 'location services' help me with?

Have you ever been out of town and needed a bite to eat, or had your car need work? Locations services are there to help locate what's close to you. They can also help you by suggesting areas in stores you may visit that carry the products you're looking for. By tracking what stores you shop in, the ad bots, programs that show you relevant ads, can

actually show you a better price on an item in another retailer. So if you're looking at shovels at Lowes, and there's a Home Depot two doors down that has them on sale, it may suggest that. It also helps you when you're lost, as it uses GPS and Cell towers to find your location within about 3 feet.

Have you ever lost your phone?

Location services can be used to track where your phone is in the event it has been stolen or lost. Think LOJack for your phone, and you don't have to pay for it!

Are there any downsides?

Potentially your location history COULD be sold to a third party agency for solicitation, but that's it.

Is the Government tracking my every move?

Most likely, they are not. They have better things to do with their time than to track your every move. You have to remember that as far as your government is concerned, you are nothing more than a number. They don't know who you are, and they don't care. They might if you're shopping at the local 'Terrorists 'R Us', but that's highly unlikely.

What other services do I use daily that are similar?

Your local stores' loyalty cards, a rewards based credit card, or any online retailer. These all have computer programs tied to them that can email and even snail mail you ads and coupons. My Kohl's card sends me email almost every day with offers for up to 20% off. I just delete them and move on. If I look for a specific item on Amazon or Google, I may see ads for that item on Facebook, or other websites that use the Amazon Web Services or Google Ad Services. If you want to prevent your phone from tracking your location, please refer to Manny's Helpful hint above.

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