Clearing or refreshing your cached webpages

Your computer stores complete webpages. and/or graphics in a file called a cache. Usually, this is a good thing because it is quicker to load a page you have visited before from the cache instead of going back to the page's distant server.

But, there can be a couple of problems that result from using the cache:

1) If the page has been updated, you see the cached page and do not see the updates to the page.
2) When you have a lot of files in the cache, it is actually slower for the computer to search through them before finding nothing and going to the server to download a page that you have not visited before.

The solution to both these problems is to "Clear the cache" or "refresh the page". Most browsers do this anyway from time to time, but often not when you want or need it. Done.

You can click on the RELOAD or REFRESH button to reload the page OR you can (while viewing the page) click on the locater line and then press enter. This often will get you the latest version of the page. Sometimes, however, it does not.

Of course, you usually do not know that you are not looking at the latest page. Hence the need to clear the cache from time to time manually. This is done a bit differently with different browsers and different platforms. Rather than type pages of info, I will give you a link that will explain how to do this with most browsers.
Click on the URL to view it: https://www.refreshyourcache.com/en/home/ .

Sometimes, you might prefer to not clear the entire cache, but to only force a particular webpage to refresh. If using the REFRESH or RELOAD button does not get it done, here is how to force a single page to reload from he server.

You must have the page that you want refreshed on your browser screen.

With Windows computers; All you have to do is press the **Ctrl**+**F5** key combination. That basically tells the browser that you believe there's a newer version of the page available on the website, so go get it!

On MAC computers:
 Hold both the ⌘ Cmd and ⇧ Shift keys and press the R key.
- Hold the ⇧ Shift key and click the *Reload* button on the navigation toolbar.
- Hold the Ctrl key and click the *Reload* button on the navigation toolbar.

If you are using a phone or tablet, try this:
You can **refresh** just about any **page** in the Safari browser on the iPhone by tapping the circular arrow button in the upper-right corner of the Safari window to the right of the Address Bar.