

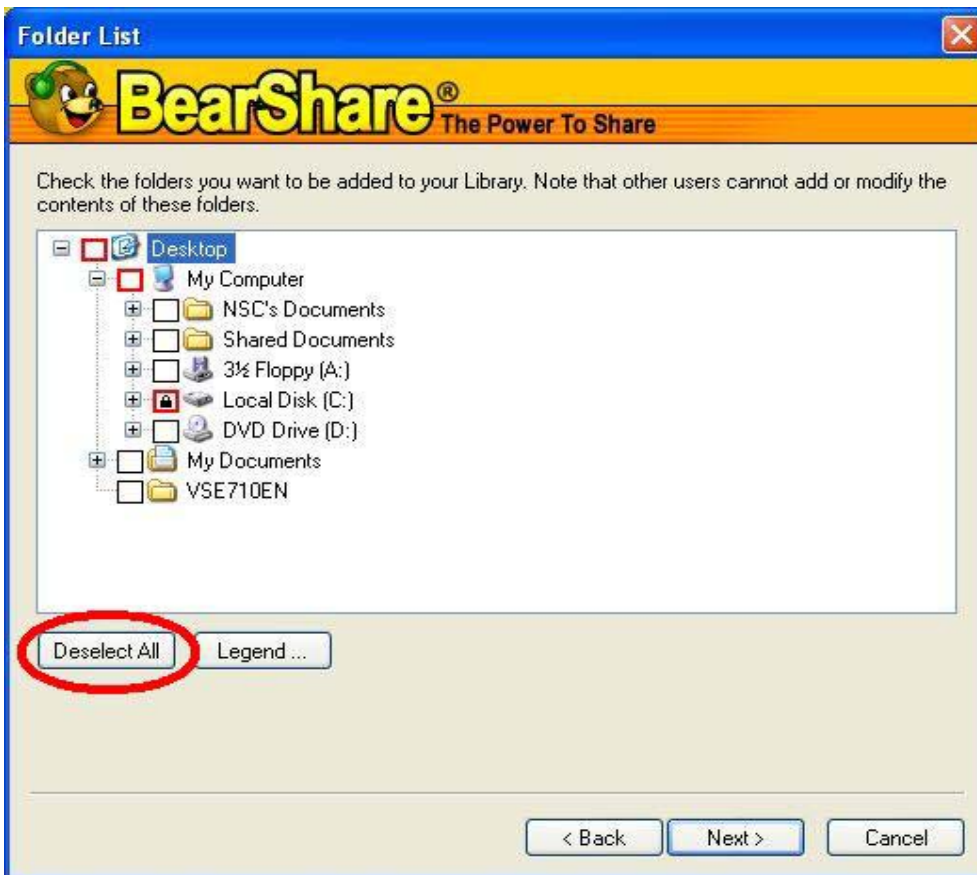
## How to Disable BearShare

**It is not possible to completely disable filesharing in BearShare.**

The downloads directory, **My Downloads** by default, must be shared. To remain in compliance with the Acceptable Use of the Southwest Network Policy you must remove all copyrighted files from this directory and continue to remove new ones as soon as they are downloaded. The University strongly recommends uninstalling this program.

To remove other shared folders follow the instructions below.

1. If you are just installing BearShare, you can remove extra shared folders during setup. In the **Folder List** window, click **Deselect All**.

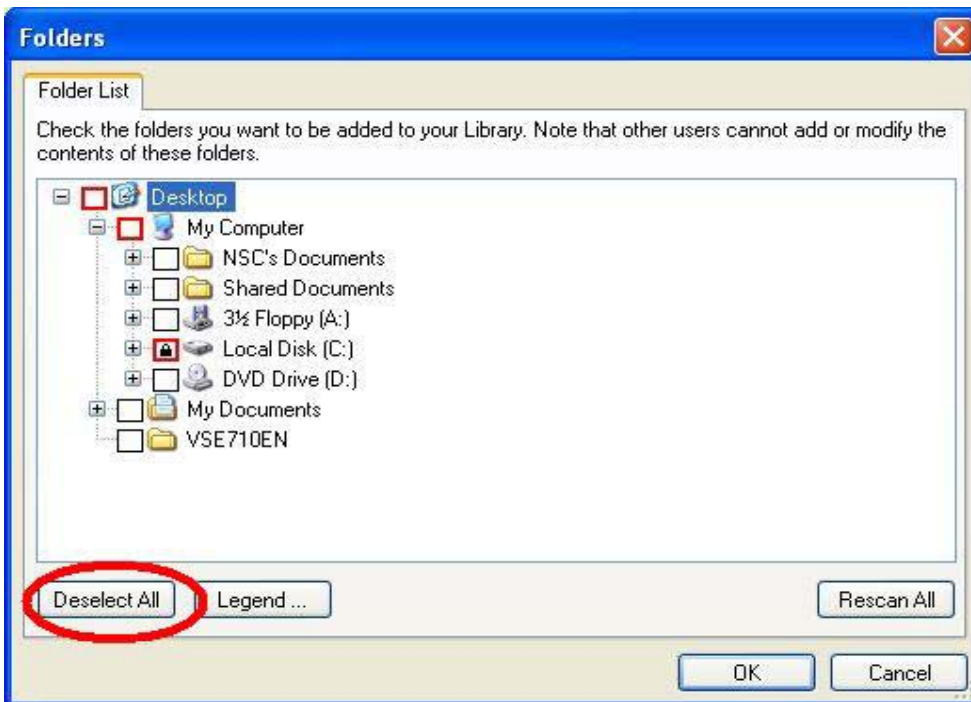


This will appear to remove all shared folders because all check boxes will turn gray, but the **My Downloads** folder will still be shared.

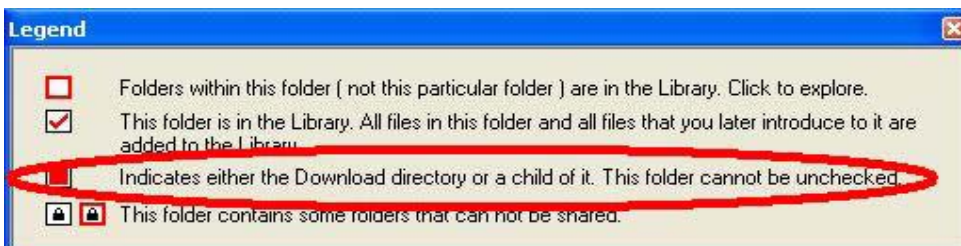
2. If BearShare is already installed, select **Folders...** from the **Setup** menu.



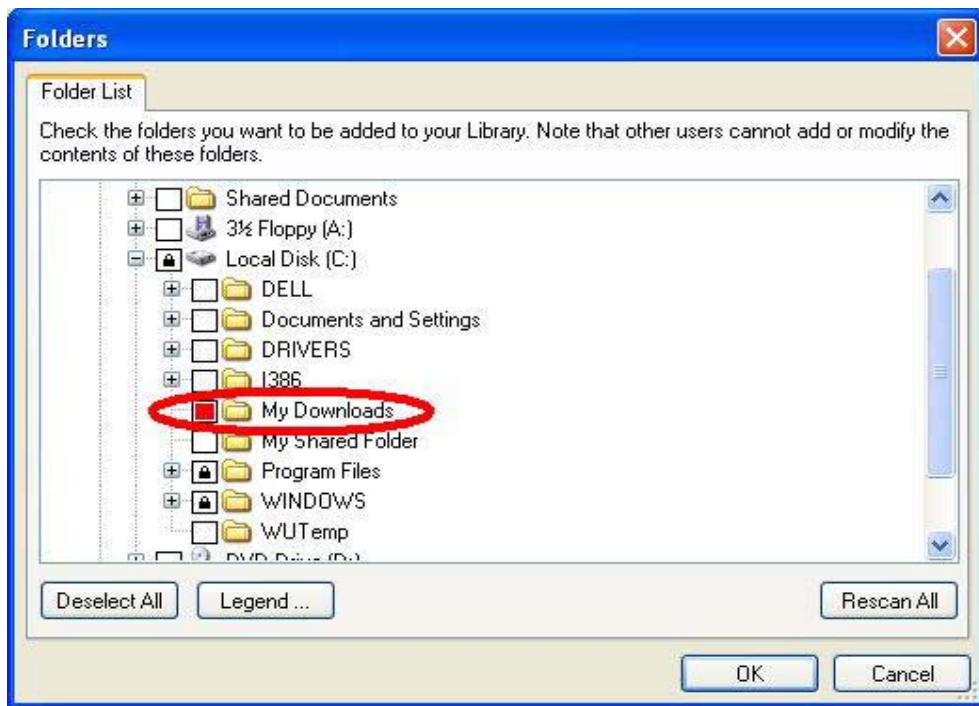
3. Click the **Deselect All** button.



As during setup, this will appear to remove all shares because all check boxes will turn gray, but the downloads folder will still be shared. You must remove all copyrighted files from this folder.



## Shared Folder Key



**My Downloads**