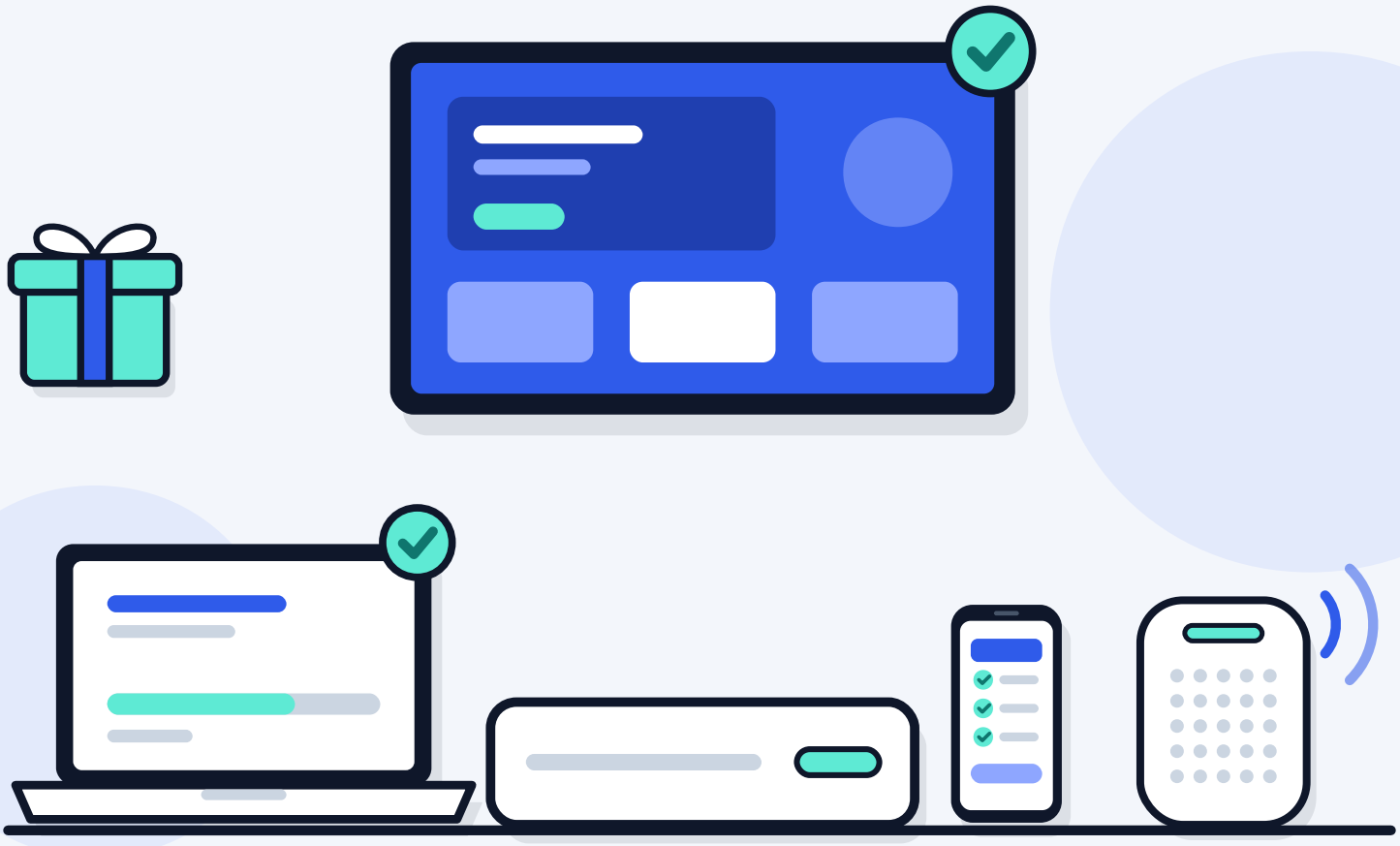
Tech Cheat Codes

PRINTABLE SETUP SHEETS

Holiday New-Gadget Setup Pack

Printable step-by-step sheets for a new phone, smart TV, smart speaker, game console or laptop: the security and privacy settings to check first, and how to clear out the old one before it leaves the house.



Phone | Smart TV | Smart speaker | Game console | Laptop

How to use this pack

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A new gadget is exciting. These sheets help you set it up the right way in one sitting: sign in safely, change the privacy settings that matter first, move your stuff over, and clear out the old one before it leaves the house.

Five steps for every device

- ☐ **Back up the old device first.** Each sheet says how.
- ☐ **Charge both devices** and use your home Wi-Fi, not a public one.
- ☐ **Have your account passwords ready** (Apple, Google, Microsoft, Nintendo, PlayStation, Amazon). If you don't know one, reset it on the company's official site *before* you start.
- ☐ **Work down the sheet** and check off each box as you go. Stop and come back later if you need to; the checkmarks keep your place.
- ☐ **Don't wipe the old device** until the new one has your photos, messages and contacts. The checklist on page 14 covers this.

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What this pack covers

- **iPhone:** iPhone 11 and later with iOS 26 or iOS 27.
- **Android phones:** Google Pixel 6 and later, and Samsung Galaxy phones, with Android 16 or 17.
- **Smart TVs and sticks:** Google TV, Roku TVs and players, Samsung and LG smart TVs, and Fire TV sticks and Fire TV smart TVs.
- **Speakers and displays:** Echo speakers and displays (Alexa app), Google Nest Audio, Nest Mini (2nd gen), Nest Hub (2nd gen), Nest Hub Max and Google Home Speaker.
- **Consoles:** Nintendo Switch 2 and the Nintendo Switch family, PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and Series S.
- **Laptops:** Windows 11 (versions 25H2 and 26H2) and Mac with macOS 26 Tahoe or macOS 27.

Other models, brands and older versions aren't covered, and their menus may differ.

Three safety rules

- Never call a number from a pop-up, a search ad or a "support" site you didn't type yourself.
- Never give remote access to someone who contacted you first.
- **Never write passwords or codes on these sheets.** The fill-in boxes are for model names and where things are kept.

Menu names were checked on official Apple, Google, Samsung, LG, Microsoft, Roku, Amazon, Nintendo and Sony help pages on Oct 23, 2026 (list on page 16). Companies change menus often. If a name on your screen looks different, look for the closest match, or use the search box in Settings.

New iPhone, page 1: move in and lock it down

iPhone 11 and later with iOS 26 or iOS 27. About 20 minutes, plus transfer time. Keep both phones plugged in and close together.

Move your stuff over

- [ ] **Update both phones** to the latest iOS first, and turn on **Wi-Fi and Bluetooth** on the old one. Quick Start needs the old phone on iOS 11 or later.
- [ ] Turn on the new iPhone and set it **next to the old one.** A **Quick Start** screen appears on the old phone. Follow it, set up Face ID or Touch ID, then choose to transfer from the old iPhone or download from iCloud.
- [ ] **New phone number?** Add the new number to your Apple Account as a **trusted phone number** before you lose the old one, so you can still get sign-in codes.
- [ ] When it finishes, open **Photos, Messages and Contacts** on the new phone and spot-check that everything arrived.

Your Apple Account

- [ ] **Two-factor authentication on:** Settings > [your name] > **Sign-In & Security.** If it's off, turn on **Two-Factor Authentication** and follow the steps.
- [ ] **Find My on:** Settings > [your name] > **Find My** > **Find My iPhone.** Also turn on **Find My network** and **Send Last Location.**
- [ ] **Stolen Device Protection on:** Settings > **Face ID & Passcode** > enter your passcode > **Stolen Device Protection.** It adds extra checks for big changes when your phone is away from familiar places.

Good to know

- If the Quick Start screen goes away, restart both phones and try again.
- Transfer can take a while. Pick a quiet time and keep both phones near each other until it says it's done.

Stop and get help if

- The new phone asks for an Apple Account password you don't know. Reset it on Apple's official site, typed yourself.
- Someone calls or texts saying they're "from Apple" and asks for a code. Hang up.

Fill in

New iPhone model _____

Old iPhone model _____

Apple Account email (no password!) _____

Date set up _____

New iPhone, page 2: privacy and the old phone

Do these on the new iPhone. Each one takes about a minute.

Eight privacy settings to check first

- [ ] **App tracking:** Settings > Privacy & Security > **Tracking.** Turn off **Allow Apps to Request to Track** so apps can't ask to follow you across other companies' apps.
- [ ] **Apple ads:** Settings > Privacy & Security > **Apple Advertising.** Turn off **Personalized Ads.**
- [ ] **Location:** Settings > Privacy & Security > **Location Services.** Go down the list and set apps that don't need it to **Never** or **While Using the App.**
- [ ] **Precise location:** in the same list, tap an app and turn off **Precise Location** if it only needs your rough area.
- [ ] **Analytics:** Settings > Privacy & Security > **Analytics & Improvements.** Turn off **Share iPhone Analytics** (or **Share iPhone & Watch Analytics**) if you'd rather not share.
- [ ] **App developers:** on the same screen, turn off **Share With App Developers.**
- [ ] **Who can see what:** Settings > Privacy & Security > **Safety Check** > **Manage Sharing & Access.** It walks you through who and what can see your location and data.
- [ ] **Updates:** Settings > General > **Software Update.** Install anything waiting.

Before the old iPhone leaves the house

- [ ] New phone has everything? Check photos, messages, contacts and any 2-step code apps.
- [ ] **Unpair an Apple Watch** from the old phone if you had one.
- [ ] **Stolen Device Protection:** turn it off on the old phone before you sell or give it away.
- [ ] **Sign out:** Settings > [your name] > **Sign Out.** On iOS 26 and later, choose **Erase this iPhone** or **Sign Out But Don't Erase.**
- [ ] **Erase:** Settings > General > **Transfer or Reset iPhone** > **Erase All Content and Settings.** If you use an eSIM (a SIM card built into the phone, so there's no card to insert) and won't keep the old phone, choose to erase the device and the eSIM.
- [ ] Switching to Android? **Deregister iMessage** on Apple's site so texts reach your new phone.
- [ ] Remove the old phone from your Apple Account's list of devices.
- [ ] Trading in? Apple **Trade In,** or Apple's recycling program.

Why erase matters

Erasing turns off Find My and Activation Lock, so the next owner can set it up. Back up first so nothing is lost.

New Android, page 1: move in and lock it down

Google Pixel 6 and later and Samsung Galaxy phones with Android 16 or 17. About 20 minutes, plus transfer time. **Menus vary by maker.** Pixel paths are marked **Pixel**, Samsung paths **Galaxy**. If a name doesn't match, use the search box at the top of Settings.

Move your stuff over

- [ ] **Charge both phones,** connect to Wi-Fi, and make sure you know the old phone's PIN or pattern.
- [ ] Turn on the new phone. When asked, choose to copy from an **Android device,** scan the QR code with the old phone, enter the old phone's screen lock, and pick what to copy. It offers a cable or no-cable option.
- [ ] Coming from an iPhone? Choose **iPhone or iPad** when asked and follow the steps.
- [ ] **Galaxy:** you can use **Smart Switch** instead. Tap **Send from this phone** on the old one and **Receive on this phone** on the new one, then choose **Galaxy/Android** and **Wireless.** Keep the phones within about 4 inches.
- [ ] Spot-check **photos, messages and contacts** before you go on.

Your Google account

- [ ] **2-Step Verification on:** in your Google Account, open **Security & sign-in** > **How you sign in to Google** > **2-Step Verification,** and follow the steps.
- [ ] **Find Hub on:** Settings > Security > **Find Hub,** then turn on **Allow device to be located.** Keep Settings > Location > **Use location** on.
- [ ] **Galaxy also:** Settings > Security and privacy > **Lost device protection.** Turn on **Allow this phone to be found, Send last location** and **Offline finding.**
- [ ] **Theft protection:** Settings > Google > All services > **Theft protection.** Turn on **Theft Detection Lock.**

Good to know

- **Pixel 8 and later** get Android updates for 7 years from release; Pixel 6 and 7 models for 5 years. Pixel 5a and older no longer get updates.
- **Galaxy:** check Samsung's update policy for your model.

Stop and get help if

- The phone asks for a Google password you don't know. Reset it on Google's official account recovery page, typed yourself.
- A "Google" caller or text asks for a code. Hang up; it's a scam.

Fill in

New phone maker and model _____

Old phone model _____

Google account email (no password!) _____

Date set up _____

New Android, page 2: privacy and the old phone

Do these on the new phone. If a name doesn't match, use the search box at the top of Settings.

Eight privacy settings to check first

- [ ] **App permissions:** Settings > Security & privacy > Privacy > **Permission manager.** Tap **Camera, Microphone, Location** and **Contacts** in turn and switch off apps that don't need them.
- [ ] **One app at a time:** Settings > Apps > pick an app > **Permissions.**
- [ ] **Unused apps:** on an app's info screen, turn on **Pause app activity if unused** so old apps lose their permissions.
- [ ] **Location:** Settings > **Location.** Check which apps have access, or turn it off if you rarely use maps.
- [ ] **Google ads:** in your Google Account, open **My Ad Center** and turn off **Personalized ads** if you'd rather not have them.
- [ ] **Advertising ID:** Settings > Privacy > **Ads** > **Delete advertising ID** (or search Settings for **Ads**).
- [ ] **Activity history:** at myactivity.google.com, choose an **auto-delete** option so old activity is removed for you.
- [ ] **Updates: Pixel:** Settings > System > **Software update. Galaxy:** search Settings for **Software update.**

Before the old phone leaves the house

- [ ] New phone has everything? Check photos, messages, contacts and any 2-step code apps.
- [ ] **Know your Google password and screen lock.** After a reset, the phone asks for them. If you just reset your Google password, wait 24 hours before resetting the phone.
- [ ] **Charge it** to at least 70%. A reset can take up to an hour.
- [ ] **Erase it. Pixel:** Settings > System > **Reset options** > **Erase all data (factory reset)** > **Erase all data.**
- [ ] **Erase it. Galaxy:** Settings > **General management** > **Reset** > **Factory data reset** > **Reset** > **Delete all.** Stay on a network so it can sign out of your Samsung account. Decrypt any memory card first.
- [ ] Take out the **SIM and any memory card.**
- [ ] Remove the old phone from your Google Account's device list.

Why the password matters

Android phones have a lock that asks for the last Google account after a reset. Knowing it, or signing out first, means the next owner can set it up.

New smart TV or streaming stick, page 1

Google TV, Roku TVs and players, Samsung and LG smart TVs, and Fire TV sticks and Fire TV smart TVs. About 20 minutes. Use the TV remote.

Setup choices that matter

- [ ] **Read the setup screens slowly.** Some TVs ask you to agree to viewing-information or "smart TV experience" features. **You can say no.**
- [ ] **Sign in with an account you control:** a Google account for Google TV, a Roku account for Roku, an Amazon account for Fire TV.
- [ ] **Turn on 2-step sign-in** for that account on the company's website.

Stop the TV watching what you watch

This feature is called ACR (automatic content recognition). Here's where to turn it off:

- [ ] **Roku TV:** Settings > Privacy > **Smart TV Experience.** Turn off **Use info from TV inputs.**
- [ ] **Samsung:** it's called **Viewing Information Services.** Open the TV's Settings, find the Viewing Information Services privacy notice, and opt out.
- [ ] **Fire TV smart TVs:** Settings > Preferences > **Privacy Settings.** Turn off over-the-air viewing data, **Device Usage Data** and **Collect App Usage Data.** These settings are per device.
- [ ] **LG:** we couldn't confirm LG's viewing-data menu on an official LG page. Check LG's help site for your model.

What ACR is, in plain words

Some TVs recognize what's on the screen, including from an antenna or plugged-in boxes, and use it for ads and recommendations. Turning it off stops new collection; it doesn't delete what was already collected.

Guest Wi-Fi tip

If your router has a **guest network,** consider putting the TV, streaming stick and other smart gadgets on it, and keeping phones and computers on your main Wi-Fi. Your router's app or manual shows how.

Fill in

TV or stick brand and model _____

Account it uses (email only) _____

Wi-Fi it's on (main or guest) _____

Date set up _____

New smart TV or streaming stick, page 2

Ads, purchase PINs, updates and the old TV. If a name doesn't match, look for the closest one in Settings.

Ads and tracking

- [ ] **Roku:** Settings > Privacy > **Advertising.** Check **Limit Ad Tracking.** A factory reset clears this, so set it again after any reset.
- [ ] **Google TV:** Settings > Privacy > **Ads.** Turn off ad personalization.
- [ ] **Fire TV:** Settings > Preferences > Privacy Settings > **Interest-based Ads.** Turn it off.

Stop surprise purchases

- [ ] **Roku:** sign in at my.roku.com, create a **Roku PIN,** and set it to be required for purchases and adding apps.
- [ ] **Fire TV:** Settings > Preferences > **Parental Controls.** Turn them on, create a PIN, and choose to PIN-protect purchases.
- [ ] **Google TV:** Settings > Accounts & Sign In > your account > **Profile lock** stops others using your profile.
- [ ] **Samsung and LG:** we couldn't confirm a purchase PIN on their official pages. Don't save a card on the TV.

Updates

- [ ] **Roku:** Home > Settings > System > **Software update** > **Check Now.**
- [ ] **Samsung:** Settings > All Settings > Support > **Software Update** > **Update Now.** Turn on **Auto Update** in the same menu.
- [ ] **LG (webOS 5.0 and later):** Settings > All Settings > Support > **Software Update** > **Check for Updates.** Turn on **Auto Update.**
- [ ] **Google TV:** Settings > System > About > **System update.**
- [ ] **Fire TV:** Settings > **My Fire TV** (or **Device & Software**) > About > **Check for System Update.**

The old TV or stick

- [ ] **Sign out** of streaming apps on the old TV.
- [ ] **Factory reset** it from Settings. On Google TV: Settings > System > About > **Factory reset.**
- [ ] Remove it from your **Roku, Google, Amazon, Samsung or LG account's** device list.
- [ ] Recycle old TVs at an e-waste drop-off.

Good to know

- **Samsung:** if Software Update is grayed out, close the streaming app and switch to a TV input.
- **LG:** press Settings (or Mute three times) to see your webOS version.
- **Kids at home?** Google TV has kids' profiles. The First Phone & First Console Kit covers phones and consoles.

Stop and get help if

A pop-up on the TV says to call a number to "activate" it. Use the maker's official site, typed yourself.

New smart speaker or smart display

Echo speakers and displays (Alexa app), and Google Nest Audio, Nest Mini (2nd gen), Nest Hub (2nd gen), Nest Hub Max and Google Home Speaker (Google Home app). About 15 minutes.

The microphone

- [ ] **Echo:** press the **microphone on/off** button. A red light means the mics are off.
- [ ] **Google Nest:** use the mic switch: on the back of Nest Audio, the side of Nest Mini (2nd gen), the bottom of Google Home Speaker. The lights turn orange when the mic is off.
- [ ] Put the speaker **somewhere sensible,** not by a window or the front door.

Recordings and history

- [ ] **Echo:** in the Alexa app, tap **More** > **Alexa Privacy.** Review and delete recordings, and set them to delete **after 3 or 18 months,** or not to be saved.
- [ ] **Google Nest:** go to myactivity.google.com/product/home and **choose an auto-delete option** (3, 18 or 36 months).

Voice purchasing

- [ ] **Echo, turn it off:** Alexa app > More > Settings > **Account Management** > **Voice Purchasing** > **Purchase Controls** > **No one.**
- [ ] **Echo, or use a code:** in the same Voice Purchasing area, open **Purchase Confirmation** > **Manage**, turn on **Voice code** and set a 4-digit code.

Kids and guests

- [ ] **Google Nest:** Google Home app > your profile picture > **Home settings** > your voice assistant > **Personal results.** Turn them off on shared devices.
- [ ] **Google Nest guests:** say "Hey Google, turn on Guest Mode" so visitors' requests aren't saved to your activity.
- [ ] **Google Nest kids:** Home settings > **Parental controls & Digital wellbeing** sets filters and downtime.

The old speaker

- [ ] Remove it from the **Alexa app** or **Google Home app.**
- [ ] **Factory reset** it. Most Nest speakers: switch the mic off (the lights turn orange), then hold the top center for about 15 seconds until a sound confirms the reset. Nest Hub: hold both volume buttons about 10 seconds. Echo: see Amazon's help for your model.

Fill in

Speaker brand and model _____

Room it's in _____

App and account it uses (email only) _____

Game console, page 1: Nintendo Switch

Nintendo Switch 2 and the Nintendo Switch family (Switch, Switch Lite, Switch OLED). About 20 minutes, plus download time. Setting up for a child? Use the First Phone & First Console Kit for parental controls.

Account and sign-in

- [ ] Every player needs a **Nintendo Account.**
- [ ] **2-Step Verification:** on the **Nintendo Account website,** open **Sign-in and security settings** > **2-Step Verification** > **Edit.** You'll need an authenticator app such as Google Authenticator. Save the **backup codes** somewhere safe, not on this sheet. (Not available for young child accounts.)
- [ ] **Stop surprise purchases:** on the console, go to the HOME Menu > your user icon > **User-Verification Settings.** Choose a sign-in or a 4–8 digit **PIN,** then pick the features it protects, such as **Nintendo eShop.** Do it on each console.

Move from an old Switch to a Switch 2

- [ ] **Update the old console** first.
- [ ] On the new Switch 2, during setup: connect to the internet, update, choose **Start System Transfer,** and sign in with the **same Nintendo Account.** Keep both consoles close together.
- [ ] On the old console: Settings > System > **System Transfer to Nintendo Switch 2.**
- [ ] Transfer moves save data, users and Parental Controls settings. It only goes one way: to a Switch 2.

The old Switch

- [ ] **Selling or trading it in?** Nintendo recommends the **server** transfer. It uploads your data, then wipes the old console for you.
- [ ] **Not transferring?** Connect to the internet first, then System Settings > System > **Formatting Options** > **Initialize Console** > **Initialize.**
- [ ] Software on a microSD card can't be used after the console is initialized.

Good to know

Switch 2 uses **microSD Express** cards. Older microSD cards don't work in it.

Fill in

Console model _____

Players on it _____

Account emails (no passwords!) _____

Game console, page 2: PlayStation 5 and Xbox

PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X and Series S. About 20 minutes, plus download time. Kids' accounts and spending limits are in the First Phone & First Console Kit.

PlayStation 5

- [ ] **2-step verification:** Settings > Users and Accounts > Security > **2-Step Verification.** An authenticator app is safer than texts. Save your backup codes.
- [ ] **Password at checkout:** Settings > Users and Accounts > Account > Payment and Subscriptions > Purchase Settings > **Require Password at Checkout.**
- [ ] **Move from a PS4 or PS5:** sign in to the same account on both, update both, put them on the same network, then on the new PS5: Settings > System > System Software > **Data Transfer.** Don't turn either off during the transfer.
- [ ] **Old console:** Settings > Users and Accounts > Other > Console Sharing and Offline Play > **Disable.**
- [ ] **Then reset it:** remove discs and USB drives, then Settings > System > System Software > Reset Options > **Reset Your Console.**

Xbox Series X and Series S

- [ ] **Set up with the Xbox app** on your phone: choose **Set up a console** and enter the code on the TV.
- [ ] **2-step verification:** at account.microsoft.com/security, choose **Manage how I sign in** > **Two-step verification** > **Turn on.**
- [ ] **Passkey for purchases:** press the Xbox button, then Profile & system > Settings > Account > **Sign-in, security & passkey** > **Change my sign-in & security preferences** > **Customize** > **Ask for my passkey to make purchases** > **Passkey required.**
- [ ] **Updates:** Profile & system > Settings > System > **Updates.** Turn on **Keep my console up to date.**
- [ ] **Old console:** connect it to the internet so saves sync, then Profile & system > Settings > System > Console info > **Reset console** > **Reset and remove everything.**

Stop and get help if

Someone in a game chat offers "free" currency, skins or codes if you log in on their site or share a code. That's a scam. Use only the console's official store.

Fill in

Console model _____

Players on it _____

Account emails (no passwords!) _____

New laptop, page 1: Windows 11

Windows 11 laptops and desktops, versions 25H2 and 26H2. About 20 minutes, plus update and backup time. Plug in the charger.

Move your stuff over

- [ ] **On the old PC:** sign in with your **Microsoft account,** open the **Windows Backup** app, and back up your folders, settings and apps. Or go to Settings > Accounts > **Windows backup.** The free OneDrive space is 5 GB.
- [ ] **On the new PC:** sign in with the **same Microsoft account** during setup and choose to **restore** from your backup when it's offered.
- [ ] **Updates:** Settings > Windows Update > **Check for updates.** Restart and repeat until it says you're up to date.

Account and security

- [ ] **2-step verification:** at account.microsoft.com/security, choose **Manage how I sign in** > **Two-step verification** > **Turn on.**
- [ ] **Find my device:** search Settings for **Find my device** and turn it on. It needs a personal Microsoft account.
- [ ] **Device encryption:** Settings > Privacy & security > **Device encryption.** Turn it on if it's there. Your recovery key is saved to your Microsoft account.

Seven privacy settings

- [ ] Settings > Privacy & security > **Recommendations & offers.** Turn off **personalized ads using my advertising ID.** (On some versions it's under Privacy & security > General.)
- [ ] Same page: turn off **Improve Start and search results by tracking app launches.**
- [ ] Same page: turn off **Recommendations and offers in Settings.**
- [ ] Settings > Privacy & security > **Personalized offers:** turn it off.
- [ ] Settings > Privacy & security > **Diagnostics & feedback.** Send only **required** diagnostic data.
- [ ] Same page: set **Feedback frequency** to **Never** if you prefer.
- [ ] Settings > Privacy & security > **Location.** Turn it off, or allow only apps that need it.

The old Windows PC

- [ ] Backup finished and files checked on the new PC? Have your **BitLocker recovery key** (the long code that unlocks Windows' built-in drive lock) handy.
- [ ] **Reset:** Settings > System > Recovery > **Reset PC** > **Remove everything,** and turn on **Clean data.** The screen may stay black for 15 minutes or more.
- [ ] Remove it at **account.microsoft.com/devices** > **Remove device.**

New laptop, page 2: Mac

Macs with macOS 26 Tahoe or macOS 27 (macOS 27 runs on Apple silicon Macs only). About 20 minutes, plus transfer time. Plug in both Macs.

Move your stuff over

- [ ] **Back up the old Mac with Time Machine:** connect a drive at least twice the size of your Mac's storage, then System Settings > General > **Time Machine** > **Add Backup Disk.** Choose **Encrypt Backup,** then **Back Up Now.**
- [ ] **Migration Assistant:** update both Macs, keep them close and on Wi-Fi, and pause any antivirus, firewall or VPN (an app that sends your internet traffic through another server). Open it from **Applications** > **Utilities** on both Macs, check the security code matches, and pick what to move. It can take hours.
- [ ] **Updates:** System Settings > General > **Software Update.**

Account and security

- [ ] **Two-factor authentication:** System Settings > [your name] > **Sign-In & Security.**
- [ ] **Find My Mac:** System Settings > [your name] > **iCloud** > **See All** > **Find My Mac.** Turn it on.
- [ ] **FileVault:** System Settings > Privacy & Security > **FileVault** > **Turn On.** Choose iCloud or a recovery key, and keep the key somewhere safe, not on this sheet.
- [ ] **Firewall:** System Settings > **Network** > **Firewall.** Turn it on.

Four privacy settings

- [ ] System Settings > Privacy & Security > **Location Services.** Turn off apps that don't need it.
- [ ] System Settings > Privacy & Security > **Analytics & Improvements.** Turn off **Share Mac Analytics.**
- [ ] Same screen: turn off **Share with app developers.**
- [ ] System Settings > Privacy & Security > **Apple Advertising.** Turn off **Personalized Ads.**

The old Mac

- [ ] Sign out of **iMessage:** in Messages, choose Messages > Settings > **iMessage** > **Sign Out.**
- [ ] Sign out of your Apple Account: System Settings > [your name] > **Sign Out.**
- [ ] **Erase:** System Settings > General > **Transfer or Reset** > **Erase All Content and Settings.** This works on Apple silicon or T2 Macs with macOS Monterey or later; older Macs use Apple's Recovery erase steps.

Before you sell or recycle the old one

One checklist for any device: phone, TV, speaker, console or computer. Do it in this order.

The master checklist

- [ ] **1. Back it up.** Phone to iCloud or Google, computer to Time Machine or Windows Backup, console saves to your account.
- [ ] **2. Check the new device** has your photos, messages, contacts, files and game saves.
- [ ] **3. Move your 2-step codes.** If you use an authenticator app, move it to the new phone *before* you erase the old one, or you could be locked out.
- [ ] **4. Remove payment cards** from wallets, app stores and console stores.
- [ ] **5. Unpair accessories** like watches, earbuds and controllers.
- [ ] **6. Sign out** of your Apple, Google, Samsung, Microsoft, Nintendo, PlayStation or Amazon account on the device.
- [ ] **7. Factory reset** it, using the steps on that device's sheet.
- [ ] **8. Take out SIM cards and memory cards.**
- [ ] **9. Remove it from your account's device list** on the company's website.
- [ ] **10. Check it really reset:** it should show the first setup screen.
- [ ] **11. Choose where it goes:** trade-in, a family member, a sale, a donation or a certified e-waste recycler.
- [ ] **12. Selling it?** Meet in a public place, take payment before handing it over, and never accept "overpayment" refunds.

Can't reset it?

If a device is broken, you may still be able to remove it from your account online, or erase it remotely with Find My (Apple) or Find Hub (Google). Ask the recycler how they wipe drives.

Common traps

- Wiping the old phone before the new one has your 2-step codes.
- Forgetting the memory card in an old phone or camera.
- Handing over a console still signed in, with a saved card.
- Selling a TV still signed in to streaming apps.

Fill in

Device _____

Reset on (date) _____

Went to _____

_____

Printable gift note

Cut out a note and tuck it in with the gift, so the person who opens it knows setup help is waiting. Write their name and the device, and keep the sheets ready for them.

This comes with setup help

To _____

Your new _____

From _____

When you're ready to set it up, open the setup sheets I printed for you (or ask me for them). They cover moving your stuff over, the privacy settings to change first, and what to do with the old one. Let's do it together.

cut here

This comes with setup help

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From _____

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Official pages checked on Oct 23, 2026

We checked the steps in this pack against each company's own help pages on October 23, 2026, except where a sheet says we couldn't confirm a menu. Menus change; if something doesn't match, look for the closest name. v1.2, Oct 2026.

iPhone (pages 3–4)

- support.apple.com/en-us/102659 · 109511 · 102660 · 120340
- support.apple.com/en-us/102420 · 102647 · 102648 · 105131 · 108971
- support.apple.com/guide/iphone/iph42f0b2d53/ios (Safety Check)

Android (pages 5–6)

- support.google.com/android/answer/6193424 · 6088915 · 3265955
- support.google.com/android/answer/15146908 · 9431959 · 3467281 · 7680439
- support.google.com/pixelphone/answer/4596836 · 4457705
- support.google.com/accounts/answer/185839 · 465
- support.google.com/My-Ad-Center-Help/answer/12155656
- policies.google.com/technologies/ads
- samsung.com/us/support/answer/ANS10001345 · ANS10003600 · ANS10002030

Smart TV (pages 7–8)

- docs.roku.com/published/smarttvexperience/en/US
- docs.roku.com/published/adtracking/en/US
- support.roku.com: create, change or remove your Roku PIN; update the software; manage ad preferences
- samsung.com/us/support/answer/ANS10002051 · ANS10010616
- lg.com/us/support: how to update your LG TV software
- support.google.com/googletv/answer/10070482 · 15330528 · 10070481
- Fire TV: Amazon's own Fire TV help pages (privacy settings, system updates, parental controls)

Smart speaker (page 9)

- support.google.com/googlehome/answer/7073477 · 7177221 · 16687976
- support.google.com/googlehome/answer/16613583 · 16686287
- Echo: Amazon's own Alexa help pages (privacy, voice purchasing, voice code)

Game console (pages 10–11)

- en-americas-support.nintendo.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/68432 · 27496 · 68433 · 22399
- playstation.com/en-us/support/account/2sv-login
- playstation.com/en-us/support/store/ps-store-checkout-password
- playstation.com/en-us/support/hardware/transfer-games-saved-data-ps4-ps5
- playstation.com/en-us/support/hardware/transfer-dispose-console
- playstation.com/en-us/support/account/deactivate-playstation-console
- support.xbox.com/en-US/help/hardware-network/getting-started-set-up/set-up-new-series-x-s
- support.xbox.com/en-US/help/hardware-network/settings-updates/system-update-overview
- support.xbox.com/en-US/help/hardware-network/console/reset-console-to-factory-defaults
- support.microsoft.com: prevent unauthorized purchases from Microsoft Store

Laptop (pages 12–13)

- support.microsoft.com: Windows Backup; Windows Update; reset your PC; find and lock a lost Windows device; device encryption; recommendations & offers privacy settings; diagnostics & feedback; location; two-step verification; manage devices
- learn.microsoft.com: Windows 11 release information
- support.apple.com/en-us/102613 · 104984 · 108382 · 102664 · 102773 · 127255
- support.apple.com/guide/mac-help: FileVault, firewall, location services, analytics

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