



A Guide to Making your Laptop Battery Last Longer

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We've prepared some top tips on making the battery of your laptop last longer.

1. Shut your laptop down, don't just put it to sleep

Putting a laptop to sleep is much quicker than waiting for it to turn off, but it should be shut down regularly and when not being used for long periods of time.

Whilst it is in sleep mode, the laptop will continue to consume power which means by the time you come to use it again, it could either have shut down by itself or have very little power.

2. Turn down the brightness of the screen

The screen display can be responsible for over 50% of battery use on a laptop. Try turning your screen brightness down, but do ensure you can still see it clearly.

Also, if you're in a well-lit room or outside in the sunshine, you should switch off the backlight on your keyboard. It's not necessary to have the backlight on in well-lit places and it's likely you won't even notice when it's switched off.

3. Switch off Wi-Fi and Bluetooth when not in use

When you're not surfing the internet or using an application which requires internet connectivity, you should switch off the Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connections. If they are left switched on, they will continuously search for new networks and devices to connect to, thus wasting power.

4. Don't leave your laptop on permanent charge

Leaving your laptop plugged into the mains for long periods of time such as overnight or every time you use it during the day is not good for the long-term health of your battery.

5. Avoid using your laptop to charge your smartphone

After you have transferred files from your smartphone to your laptop, you should disconnect it safely as the laptop will charge the phone. If the laptop is plugged into the mains, this isn't so bad, but if the laptop is running on battery, more power will be consumed charging the phone.

6. Disconnect peripherals when not in use

Speakers, separate keyboard and the mouse can all sneakily take away your battery. Although power consumption by these devices is often low, nevertheless, they are still wasting power when they are not being used.

7. Eject CDs when they aren't in use

The battery can be drained if a disc is left constantly spinning in the drive so it should be ejected so as not to waste battery power.

