

September 2025 Tech Tip MICROSOFT WINDOWS 10 End of Support October 14, 2025

Microsoft Windows 10 FREE support ends October 14, 2025. After that, there will be no free security or feature updates. You can pay about \$30 for one extra year of updates, but only through 2026.

Security matters most: Windows 10 will still work, but risks from viruses and hackers will grow over time without updates. Don't stay on Windows 10 long-term beyond 2026—using it without updates will put you at real security risk.

Windows 11 includes free, built-in antivirus that stays updated. You can expect a compatibility & learning curve. Windows 11 runs faster on newer computers but may not work on older ones. The look and feel are different, but online tutorials can help you adjust.

Upgrade now if your computer is fairly new (made within the last 4–5 years), since it will run Windows 11 smoothly, give you better security, and keep you future-proofed.

Wait for now if your computer is older but still working fine—just know you'll eventually need to upgrade (or replace the device) before security updates end.

How to Check if Your PC Can Upgrade

1. Download Microsoft's free PC Health Check app (from Microsoft's website).
2. Run the app → It will tell you if your computer meets the requirements.
3. If it doesn't, you may need to replace your device before 2026.

Helpful Microsoft Link:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/check-if-a-device-meets-windows-11-system-requirements-after-changing-device-hardware-f3bc0aeb-6884-41a1-ab57-88258df6812b>