

How Often Should I Replace a Computer?

The industry standard for replacing a desktop or laptop computer is every three to four years. However, some say that computers can last five to eight years depending on their condition and maintenance. Here are some signs that it might be time to buy a new computer:

- **Repair costs**

After four years, the cost to repair an older computer can be more than 50% of its original purchase price.

- **Performance**

If your computer is slow, can't run new software, or takes a long time to start or shut down, it might be time for an upgrade.

- **Storage**

If your computer is low on storage space, or you're consistently seeing high usage of CPU, memory, or disk, it might be time for a new one.

- **Security**

If your computer's security is out of date and can't get the latest updates, it might be time for an upgrade.

- **Hardware support**

If your computer is older than 8 years, its hardware might no longer be supported by modern operating systems.