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Are You Ready for Windows 11?

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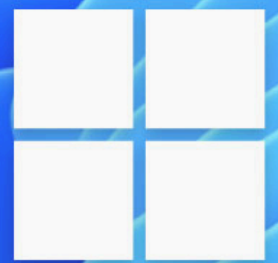
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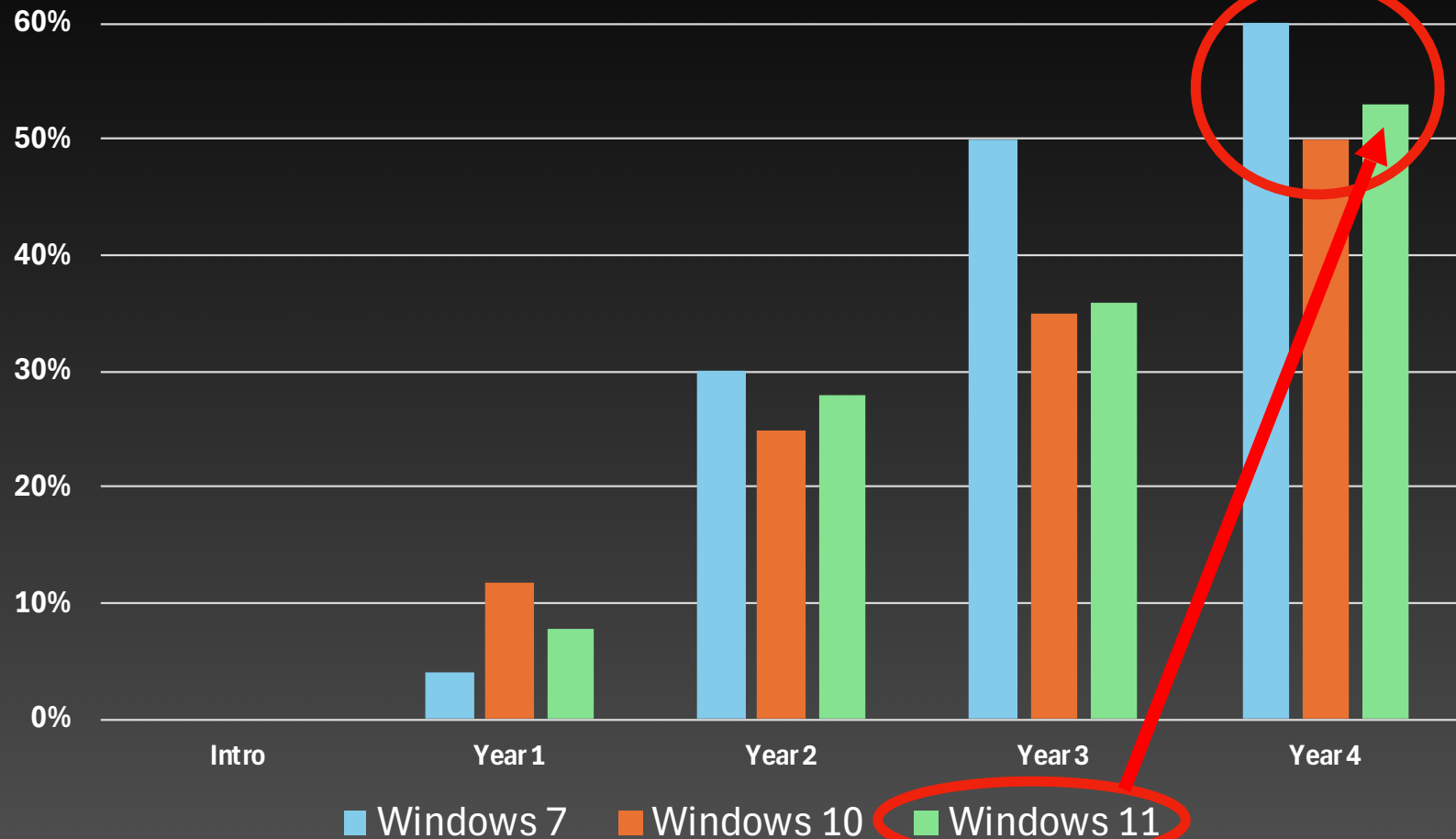
Original Release – July 29, 2015
End of Life – October 14, 2025 (or 2026)



Windows 11

Original Release – October 5, 2021
Estimated End of Life – beyond 2030

Windows Version Market Share



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What Most Residents Need In A Computer

- Email, messaging and social media
- Web browsing (news, banking, shopping, health)
- Video calls with family/friends
- Photos, simple documents and spreadsheets

You may not need all the features of Windows 11

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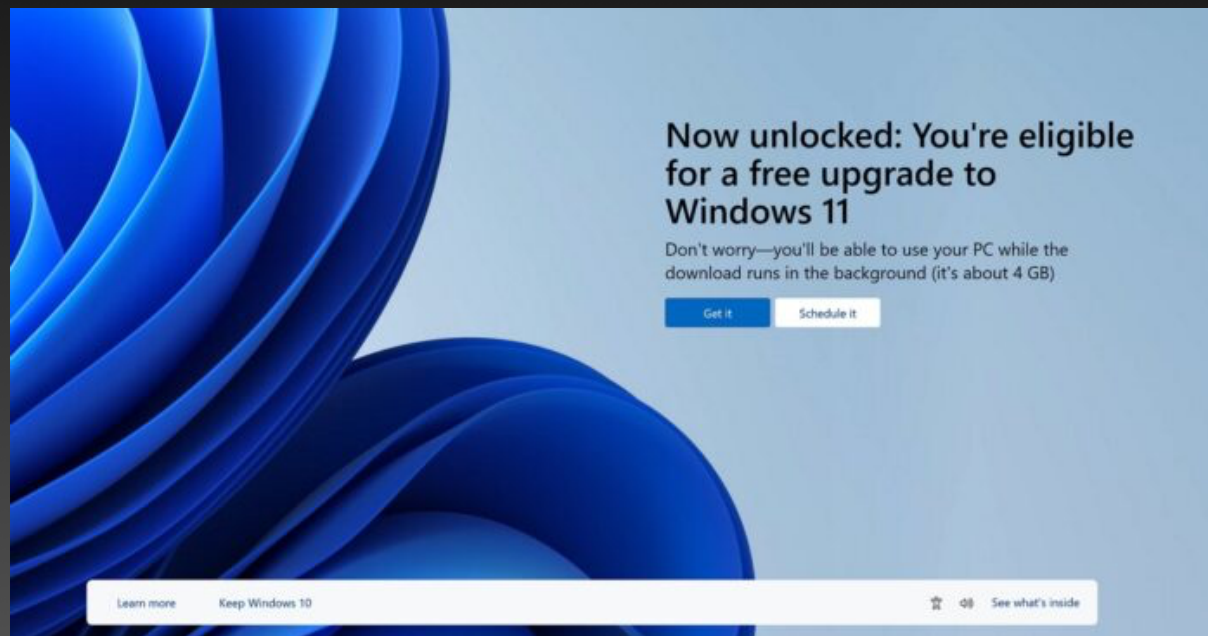
Why This Matters

- Microsoft is “encouraging” everyone to move to Windows 11
 - Security updates for Windows 10 end in October 2025 (or **2026**)
- Time to decide: upgrade, replace or stay put?

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Microsoft May Already Be Nagging You...

- Full-screen, or sometimes a notification in the taskbar



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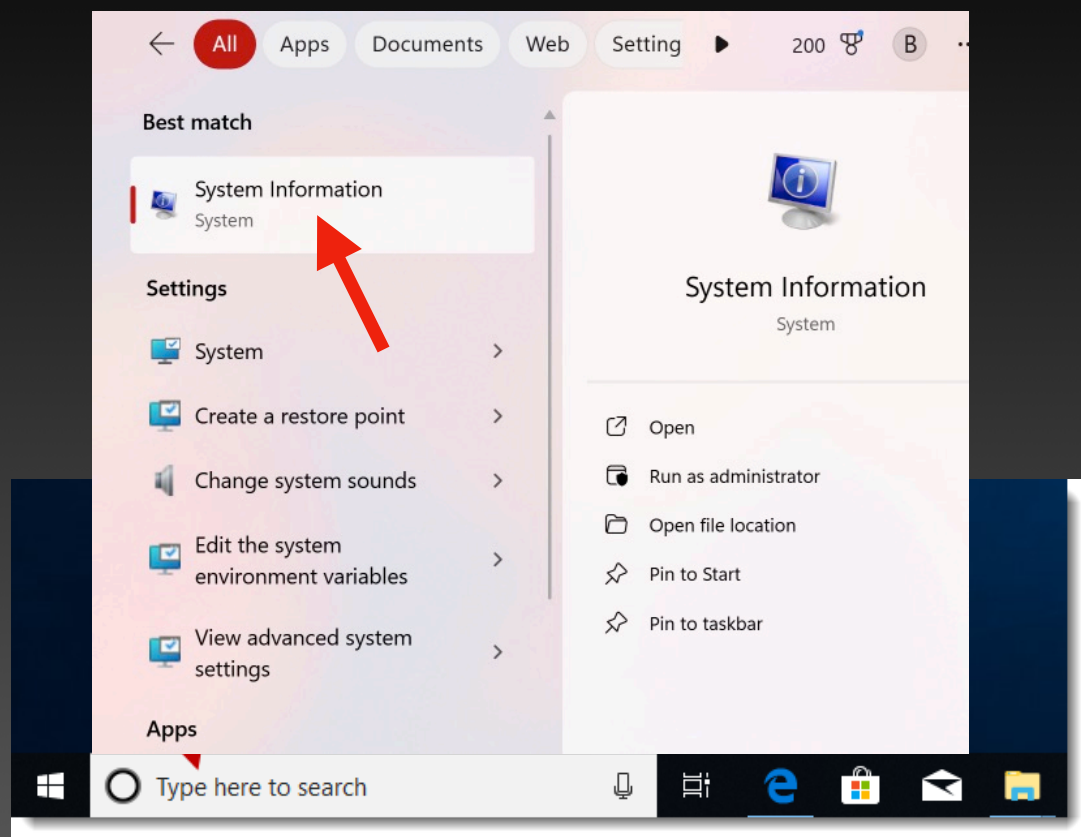
Check Your Computer's Age

- Windows 11 requires more robust processors and new, built-in security features:
 - TPM 2.0; Secure Boot
- PCs older than 5–7 years do not have those security features and aren't capable of running Windows 11

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- In the Search Bar, type “System Information” and click on that

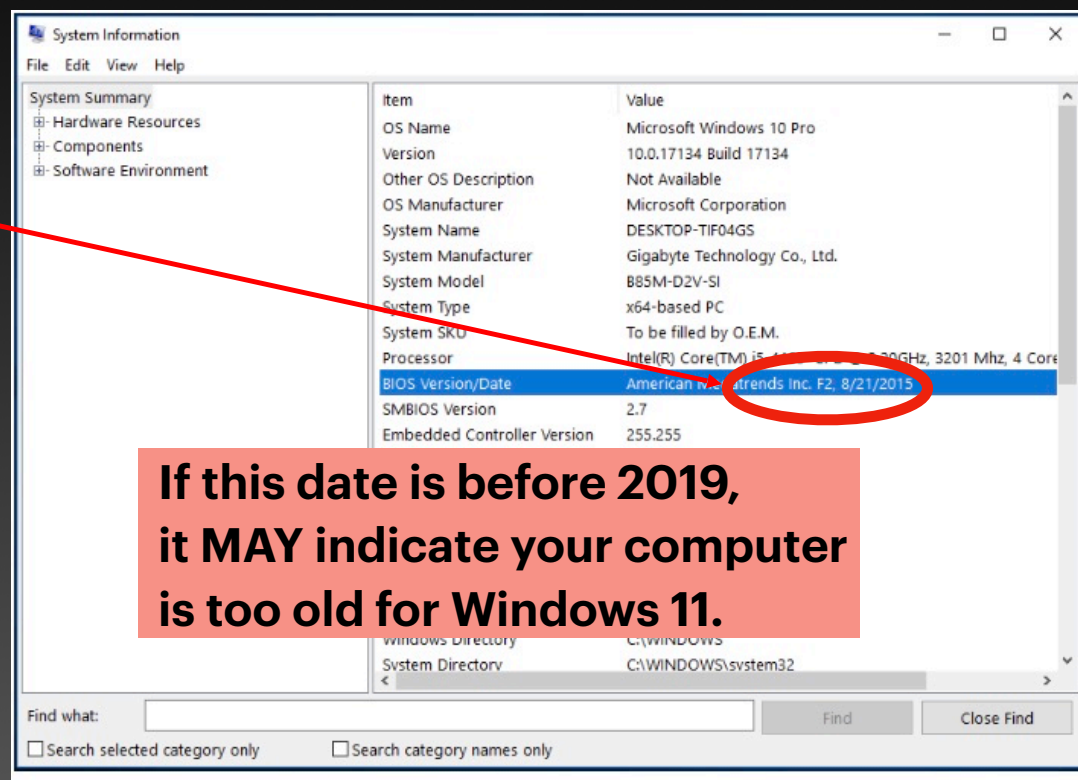


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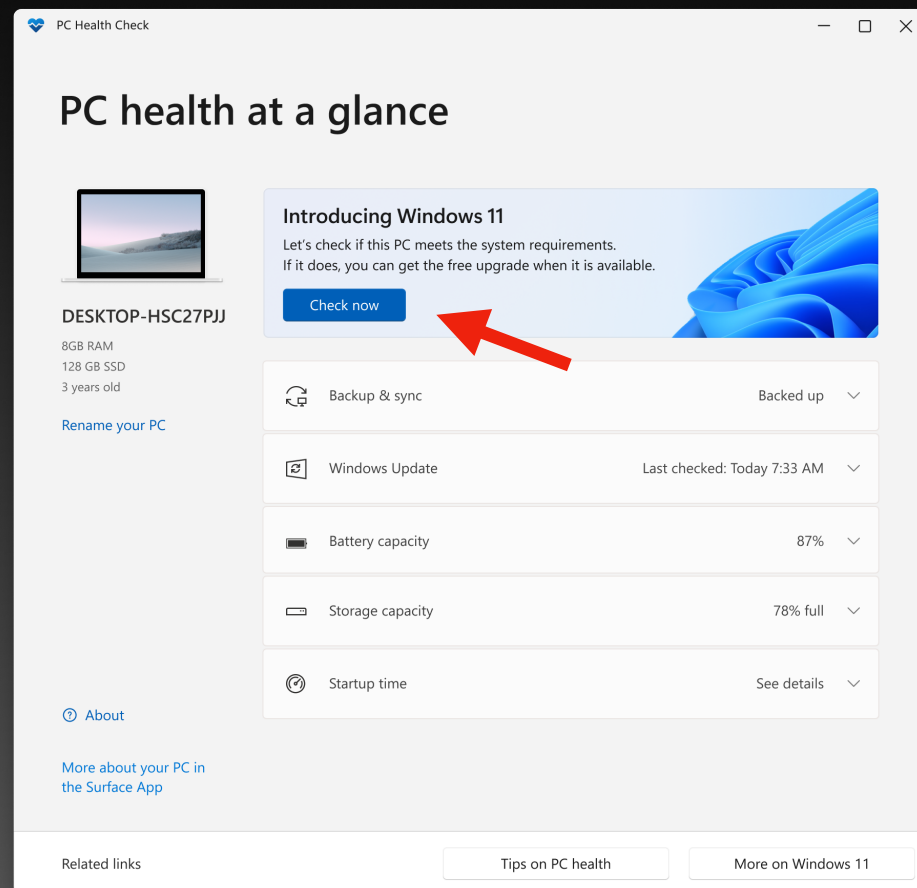


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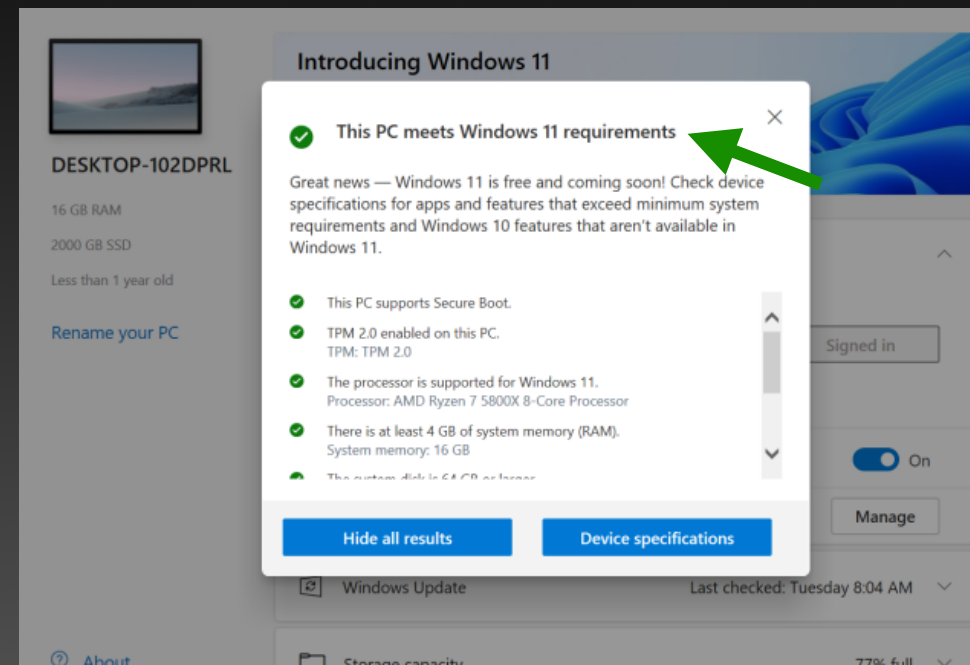


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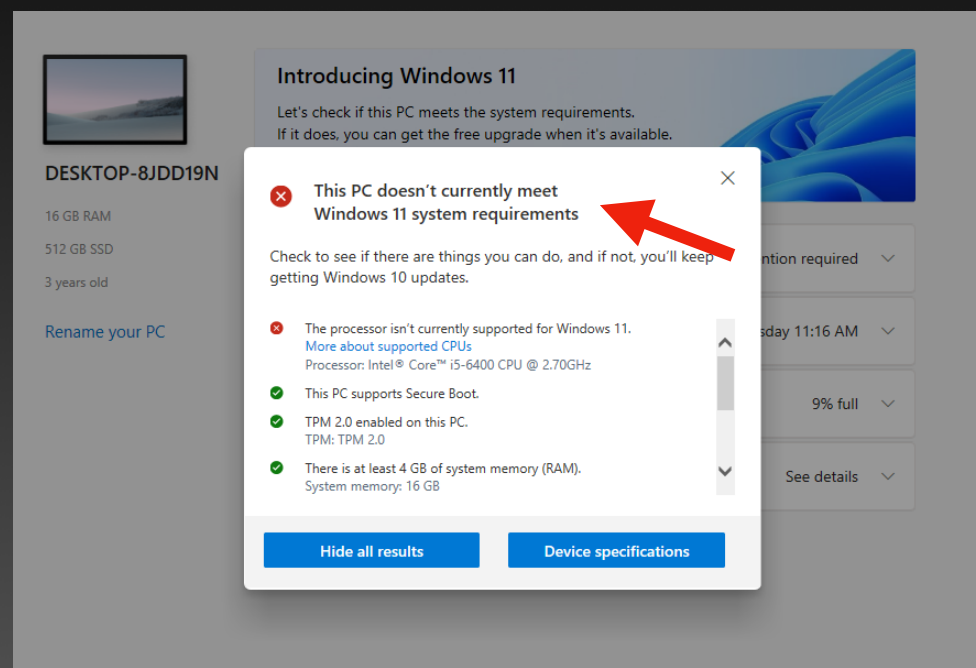
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Pluses of Windows 11

- Ongoing Microsoft support and security
- Updated look and feel (user interface)
- Works well with modern apps & devices
 - AI-ready (for recently purchased PCs)
- Safer against online scams

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Minuses of Windows 11

- May require buying a new (or newer) computer
- Short learning curve
 - Some menus and the taskbar look different
- More features than many residents really need

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Budget Considerations

- Upgrading: If your computer qualifies, it's free
- Replacing: New PC costs \$300–\$600 (basic use)
- Alternatives:
 - Chromebooks (\$150–\$300)
 - iPads/tablets (\$100–\$500)

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Alternative Scenarios

- Stay on Windows 10
- Switch to a simpler device (tablet, Chromebook)
- Buy a refurbished PC with Windows 11
- Buy a new Windows 11 PC

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Alternative Scenarios

- Stay on Windows 10 after October 2025
 - ***Not recommended***
- No security updates after October 2025
- No expense; **high risk**

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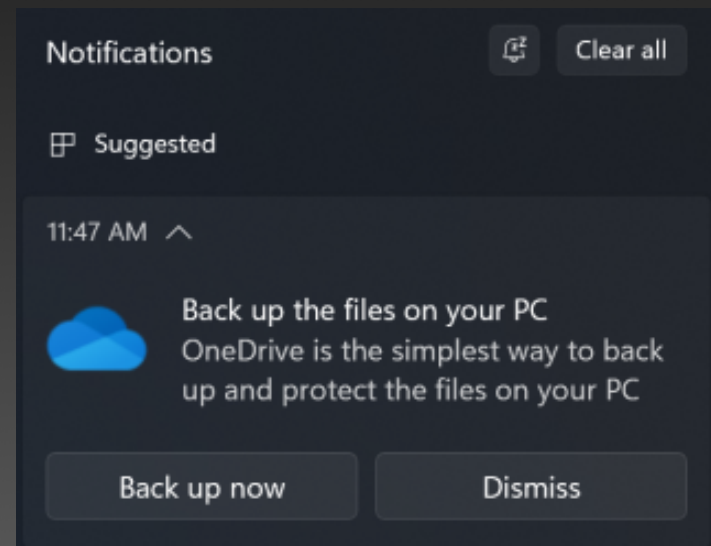
- Stay on Windows 10 until October **2026**
 - Security updates available
 - One-time \$30 fee
 - Available now – a new tool in Settings
- Microsoft 365 on Windows 10 – updates to 2028
- Minimal cost

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- Stay on Windows 10 until **2026**
 - Microsoft will **OFFER** security updates for an additional year, for free, **IF** you enable Windows Backup to OneDrive

WVCC does not recommend this



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Alternative Scenarios

- Switch to a simpler device
 - Chromebook
 - Tablet
 - Apple iPad or Android tablet
- Moderate expense (\$150–\$400)

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Alternative Scenarios

- Buy a refurbished PC with Windows 11
- More expense; \$450–\$600
 - Mostly depends on screen size and storage

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Alternative Scenarios

- Buy a new Windows 11 PC
- Most expensive; \$500–\$900 (or more)
 - Mostly depends on screen size, storage and whether you also want a touch screen

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Specifications

- For a refurbished or new PC, the Computer Club recommends:
- 16GB RAM; 512GB storage or more
- Laptop screen size of 15" or higher
 - Resolution of 1920 x 1080 (i.e., HD) or higher

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Practical Advice

- Test Windows 11 on a friend's computer
- Do I need Windows, or just a way to get online?
- Consider budget, comfort and ...
- Support:
 - From family and/or friends
 - From Willow Valley Computer Club

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Takeaways

- You have choices:
 - Do nothing; delay; upgrade; replace; or switch
- Think about **your** needs, not just Microsoft's timeline
- With planning, you can stay safe, connected and comfortable

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