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PC Maintenance Checklist

Monthly, seasonal and yearly checks for a reliable computer.

Use this guide as a safe starting point. Back up important data before repairs, and disconnect power before opening a computer.

Monthly

- Install operating-system and security updates.
- Verify backups can be opened.
- Check free storage and remove unneeded startup applications.

Every 3-6 months

- Inspect dust filters and vents.
- Use compressed air safely while preventing fans from overspinning.
- Check temperatures and unusual fan noise.

Yearly

- Review drive health and backup strategy.
- Inspect cables and power connectors.
- Update BIOS only when needed for security, stability or hardware support.

When to stop

Stop and seek professional help if you smell burning, see damaged power connectors, find liquid damage, or are unsure about working around electrical components.