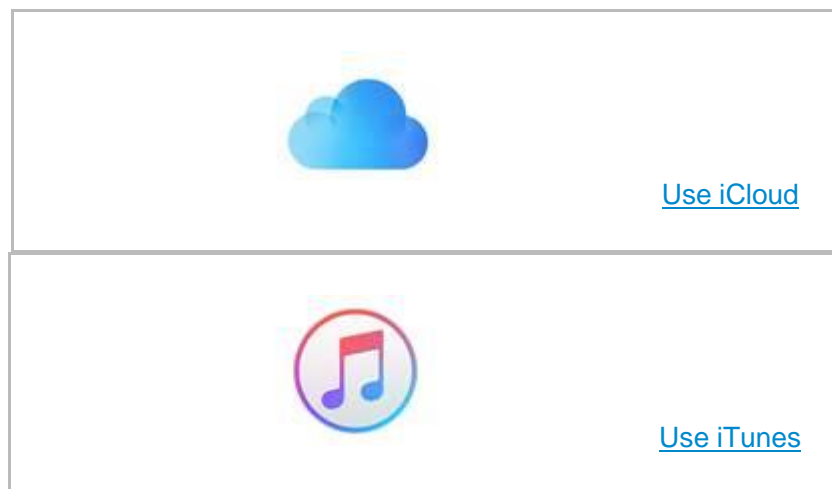


# How to back up your devices using iCloud or iTunes

If you back up your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, you'll have a copy of your information to use if your device is ever replaced, lost, or damaged. Backups let you transfer data from your last device to your new one.

## Choose a backup method

Before you get started, learn the [difference between making backups with iCloud and iTunes](#). Decide which method is best for you and follow the steps below. In case you ever need an alternative backup, you can make one in iCloud and another in iTunes.

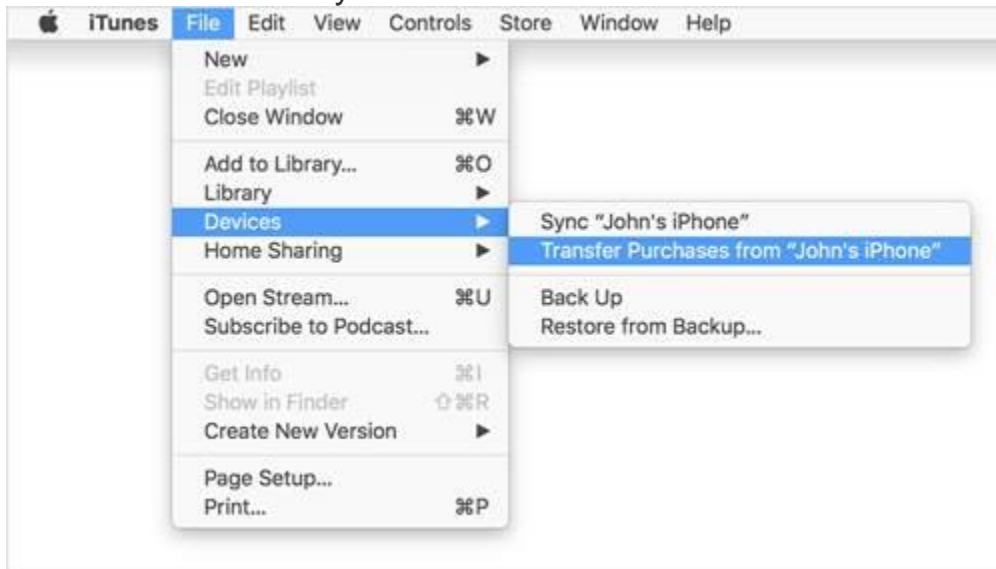


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## Make a backup using iTunes

1. Open iTunes and connect your device to your computer.
2. Save content that you downloaded from the iTunes Store or App Store by clicking File > Devices > Transfer Purchases. Then wait for the transfer to

finish. If you're using Windows and you [don't see a File menu](#), hold down the Control and B keys.




3. You'll need to encrypt your backup: Select the box called Encrypt [device] backup and make a memorable password.

Write down your password and store it somewhere safe, because

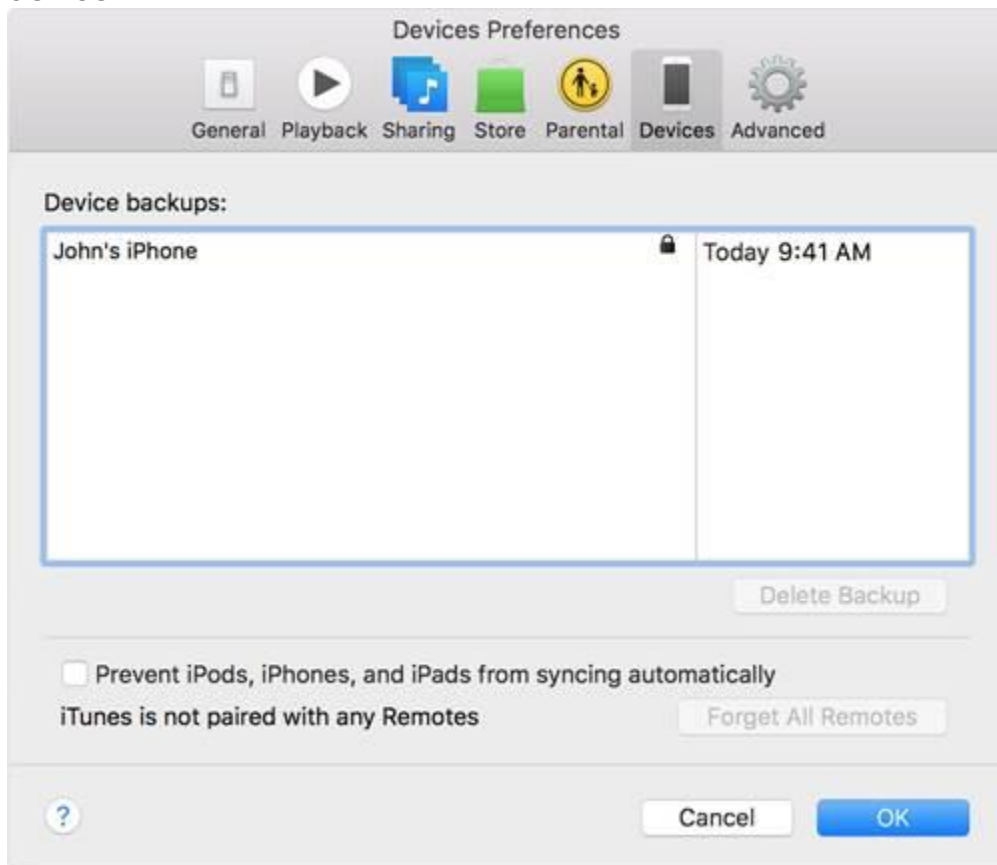
there's no way to recover your iTunes backups without this

password.



4. After the process ends, you can see if your backup finished successfully in iTunes Preferences > Devices. You should see the name of your device with the date and time that iTunes created the backup. If you encrypted your backup correctly, you should also see  beside the name of your

device.



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## Make a backup using iCloud

1. [Connect your device to a Wi-Fi network.](#)
2. In iOS 8 or later, tap Settings > iCloud > Backup.  
In iOS 7 or earlier, tap Settings > iCloud > Storage & Backup.

3. Make sure that iCloud Backup is turned on.



4. Tap Back Up Now. Stay connected to your Wi-Fi network until the process completes.
5. Make sure the backup finished by tapping Settings > iCloud > Storage > Manage Storage, and then select your device. The backup you just made should appear in the details with the time and backup size.

Follow more steps [if you need help making a backup in iCloud](#).

# Back up automatically in iCloud

After you've turned on iCloud Backup, iCloud can automatically back up your device each day. iCloud makes these daily automatic backups only if:

- Your device is connected to a power source.
- Your device is [connected to a Wi-Fi network](#).
- Your device's screen is locked.
- You have [enough available space in iCloud](#) for the backup.