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Don't Let Your iPhone Battery Life Slow You Down by: Andrew Chobot

From our experience, battery life is one source of pain that we all experience in our day-to-day lives, in both our personal and professional hardware. So, we wanted to run down some tips and tricks that will help you maintain your device's battery life and maximize the lifespan of the battery as well.

iPhone:

Always keep your phone up to date. Often newer versions come with security patches and improved software that will help maintain battery life.

Apple's latest iteration of iOS has a significant amount of battery usage information. If you haven't checked out Settings-Battery recently its time you should. There is often a wealth of information that may help you to diagnose why your phone is depleting its battery so rapidly. Along with "Screen Time" it's a great view into your habits of how you use your phone and what behaviors tend to deplete your battery.

Consider what apps you "really" need to be able to use data in the background and tailor them in Settings-General. The information within Settings-Battery will show you apps that were using power in the background and are another great way to pinpoint some of the biggest drains on your battery.

Having "Hey Siri" enabled causes the voice assistant to always use a little bit of extra power. If you rarely use this hands-free version, you can disable it to save a little power.

Lastly, check in on what apps truly need to know your location. Often people forget when installing an app that it may have asked to use these services. Is it important for Maps to know where you are? Yes, but that solitaire game that is just targeting ads at you could be a different story. Visit Settings-Privacy-Location Services to check on which apps you have given access to.

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