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No meeting in Buderim 12.6.2026 Nambour SHOW DAY

Replacement for BOM Radar - [Rain Rate](#)

Discussion on iPad and iPhone functions.
Limited help with basic Apple Mac computers.

Saturday 13.6.2026

8.30 to 11.30 am

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Hands on Help - Windows, Linux and Chromebooks

Please wear your Name Tag.

Storage Sense automatically cleans up all temporary files and junk in the recycle bin after a user-defined cycle.

To turn on the feature, go to:

Settings -> System -> Storage -> Storage Sense.

From there, you can configure when to run Storage Sense: daily, weekly, monthly, or when disk space is low, which is the default option.

I recommend setting the option to weekly, giving it a bit of time to clean out the junk. You can also run Storage Sense on command.

Under Storage Sense, you'd also find the option to automate cleaning out the Recycle Bin, with the default set to 30 days.

It can run daily or weekly; once again, configure it to run weekly.

Daily becomes too much and won't give you enough time to recover your deleted files if you accidentally delete them.

Also, Storage Sense can track your downloads and remove them if you deem those files unnecessary.

Being a first-party Microsoft service, Storage Sense works in conjunction with other services, most notably OneDrive.

If you open a file stored in your OneDrive cloud, it automatically downloads to your PC and stays there, even when you're offline.

That way, you'll have 2 copies of the same file, both available locally and on the cloud.

Now, you can configure Storage Sense to remove locally available files if you haven't used it in a while.

Once again, you can set the option to remove the local file after a specific time period, with options ranging from either a day, week, or a month.

Storage Sense won't clean the cache from third-party apps or browsers. Moreover, while Storage Sense deletes leftover updates and installations,

Windows retains the data for at least 10 days to ensure that the newer update works fine and it won't need to roll back if something breaks.

Google Workspace vs LibreOffice: The Big Picture

With the heavily advertised Google Workspace now online, you may find yourself wondering whether it's time to

leave open-source LibreOffice

Before we look at how the separate apps like the word processor and spreadsheet perform, we may want to go over some of the overarching differences between these two suites.

One large difference is cost: LibreOffice is free, and Free is obviously better, but you may find Workspace's benefits worth the price.

Another big difference is that Google Workspace is entirely online, while LibreOffice is totally offline.

While it may not seem like that big a deal at first glance, once you have used the one for a while and then switch to the other, it feels completely different. For one, saving or making backups is completely unnecessary when using Workspace.

All your work is saved automatically pretty much the moment you do it, and it saves several versions of each file, too.

When using LibreOffice, it's like going back in time: you need to hit Ctrl+S buttons every few minutes to make sure that your work is saved---autosave works,

but only at certain intervals---and if you want versioning, you'll need to create different files for the same document.

You also have a problem if something happens to your computer: unless you're backed up, those files are gone for good.

The second, more important advantage is that you're in control of your files.

If your Workspace account suddenly gets canceled for some reason, or you lose access---like if you lose your password---then your documents are gone, too.

Getting them back is still possible, but it may take some time. This won't happen to files on your hard drive unless your drive itself completely breaks down.

However, the biggest advantage of all is the sense of privacy that comes with maintaining local storage.

You don't have to trust your files to a cloud provider like Google, although Google promises to protect your privacy.

If you prefer not trusting another organization with your files, offline is the way to go.

The decision between Google Workspace and LibreOffice is going to come down to personal preference.

The big advantage LibreOffice offers is performance: it can do more and does it faster than its web-based counterpart.

It also won't suffer from connection issues and privacy is solid.

Back Up Google Photos to a Hard Drive

You have a few options for getting all of your photos and videos from Google Photos, but the easiest method is Google Takeout.

This is Google's service for requesting your data for any of Google's apps—including Google Photos.

Google Takeout allows you to export your data directly from Google Photos. It's straightforward and doesn't require any third-party tools.

1. Open your web browser and navigate to takeout.google.com. Click "Deselect All" at the top of the page, then scroll down and check the box next to "Google Photos."
2. You can choose specific albums, but if you want to download everything, leave it at "All photo albums selected." Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page and click "Next step."
3. Next, we're going to choose how you get the files. You have the option to "Send download link via email" or have them uploaded to another cloud storage service.
4. For our purposes, stick with the email method.
5. If this is something you'd like to do regularly, you can choose to automatically get exports every two months for a year. For a one-time export, keep "Export once" enabled.
6. Lastly, choose a file type and size. Keep ".zip" as the file type.
7. Google will split your export into multiple files based on the size you select (2GB, 4GB, 10GB, 50GB). Larger files mean fewer downloads, but might be harder for your connection.
8. Click "Create export" to continue.
9. Google will now prepare your archive. This can take anywhere from a few hours to several days, depending on the size of your library.
10. You'll receive an email titled "Your Google data is ready to download" with download links when your archive is ready. Click the links to download the .zip files to your computer.
11. Once downloaded, you can extract the contents of the .zip files to your hard drive. You'll find folders organized by year and month, containing your photos and videos.

If you receive a threatening phone call, hang up immediately. Do not disclose personal details to the caller.

Never provide your personal or banking details to a person who calls you.

Never provide your financial PIN or account passwords to anyone.

Do not make any payments to the caller, either via phone, internet, or cash.

If you are suspicious about the credentials of a person on the phone, ask questions of them.

If they avoid answering or refuse to provide information, hang up.

Don't let scammers pressure you – scammers use detailed scripts to convince you that they're the real deal and create a high-pressure situation to make a decision on the spot.

If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

Contact police immediately to report the incident.

Treat every email as suspicious.

Regularly Back Up Data for Peace of Mind

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