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Charge Your Kindle

Charge your Kindle using the included power adapter. The indicator light on the power button will turn orange while charging and green when the battery is fully charged. Your device will continue charging even if you turn it off completely.

When connected to a power source using the power adapter, Kindle Fire battery charges fully in less than four hours.

Charging your Kindle Fire through a USB port on a computer is not recommended.

Battery Life

Kindle Fire provides up to 8 hours of continuous reading or 7.5 hours of video playback, with wireless off. Battery life will vary based on the type of usage and wireless connectivity required.

To extend battery life on your Kindle Fire, try these tips:

- Lower screen brightness: Tap the Quick Settings icon, then the Brightness icon to adjust brightness settings.
- Turn off your Wi-Fi connection when not needed: You don't need a wireless connection to access content that's been downloaded to your device. Tap the Quick Settings icon, then the Wi-Fi icon and slide the Wireless Networking switch to the off position.
- Use headphones.
- Change Email app settings: Reduce how frequently the Email app is checking for new messages:
  1. From the Home screen, tap Apps, then tap the Email app icon.
  2. Tap the Menu icon at the bottom of the screen, then Settings, then Fetch new messages.
  3. Change settings to a less frequent time, such as 1 hour or manual.

Change the Date & Time

After you connect to a wireless network and register your Kindle Fire, you will be asked to select your time zone, which sets the date and time on your device.

To change the time zone:

1. Tap the Quick Settings icon at the top right of the screen, and then tap More.
2. Tap **Date & Time**.
3. Tap **Select Time Zone**, and then select your time zone from the list that appears.
4. The clock will update to the date and time for that zone.

To set your device time or date manually:

1. Tap the Quick Settings icon at the top of the screen, and then tap **More**.
2. Tap **Date & Time**.
3. Make sure **Automatic** is set to **Off**, then tap **Set Time** or **Set Date**.
4. Use the + and - buttons to adjust the time or date, and then tap **Save**.

**Power Button**

The power button on the bottom of your Kindle puts it to sleep, wakes it up, and turns your Kindle on or off.

**Set a Password on Kindle Fire**

If you want to make sure that only authorized users will have access to your Kindle Fire, you can set a password.

**To set your Kindle password:**

1. From the Home screen, tap the **Quick Settings icon**.
2. Tap the **More** icon, then **Security**.
3. Slide the switch next to **Lock Screen Password** to **On**.
4. You'll be prompted to set your password.

You can change or turn off your password from the **Lock Screen Password** menu.

If you forget your password and enter the wrong password four times in row, you'll be prompted to reset your Kindle Fire to the factory default settings to regain access. Tap "OK reset."

**Note:** Resetting your Kindle Fire to the factory default settings will delete all content on your device and you'll need to register it again before downloading items from your Amazon account.
Set Parental Controls on Kindle Fire

You can enable Parental Controls to restrict access to the music, video, books and other content on your Kindle Fire, Wi-Fi and Internet access, and purchase and download access.

To enable Parental Controls on your Kindle Fire, tap the Quick Settings icon, then More, then Parental Controls, then switch Enable Parental Controls to the ON position. Follow the onscreen instructions to set a Parental Controls password. You’ll then see the options to enable various Parental Control settings.

You will see a Key icon to the right of the Quick Settings icon whenever Parental Controls are enabled.

Kindle Fire also supports parental controls for in-app purchases through the Amazon Appstore.

Set Your Payment Method

When you buy digital content directly from your Kindle Fire, you’re paying with the default Payment Method on your Amazon.com account.

To check or change your payment method:

1. Go to Your Content and Devices (www.amazon.com/mycd).
2. Select the “Settings” tab.
3. Under “Digital Payment Settings”, select “Edit Payment Method” to review or edit your payment settings.
4. Select the desired credit card, then select “Continue”. You may need to add the information for a new card.

To use additional forms of payment, such as gift cards, or to update your payment methods, go to Your Account on the Amazon website.