

# How to Control and Customize Notifications in Windows 11

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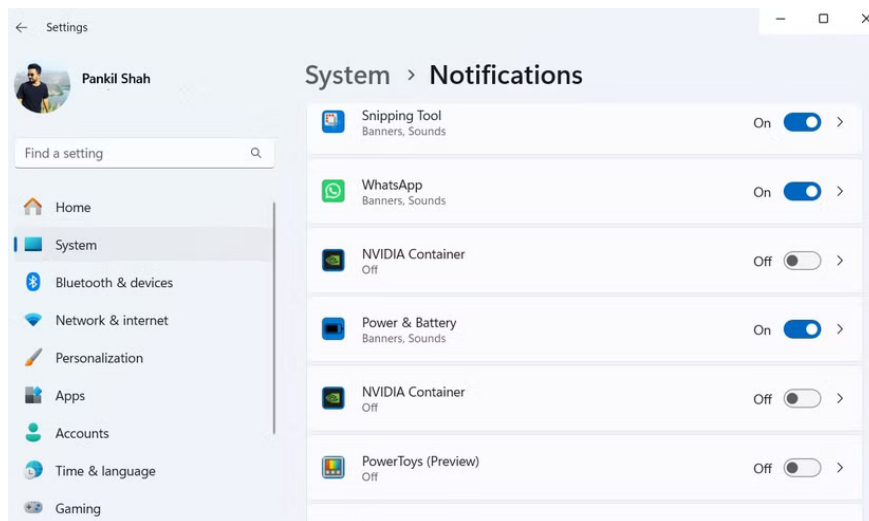
## 8. Manage notifications by application

One of the best things to do to clean up your Windows notification panel is to turn off alerts for unnecessary apps and programs. This is especially useful for annoying apps.

To do this, go to **Settings > System > Notifications**. Then, under " **Notifications from apps and other senders** ," scroll through the list of apps and use the toggles to enable and disable notification permissions for each app.

For essential apps like Outlook and WhatsApp, leave notifications on to make sure you don't miss anything important. However, for apps that constantly send unnecessary alerts - like social media or shopping apps - turn notifications off completely or mute them.

This app-by-app approach allows you to strike a balance, keeping essential notifications while eliminating distractions.

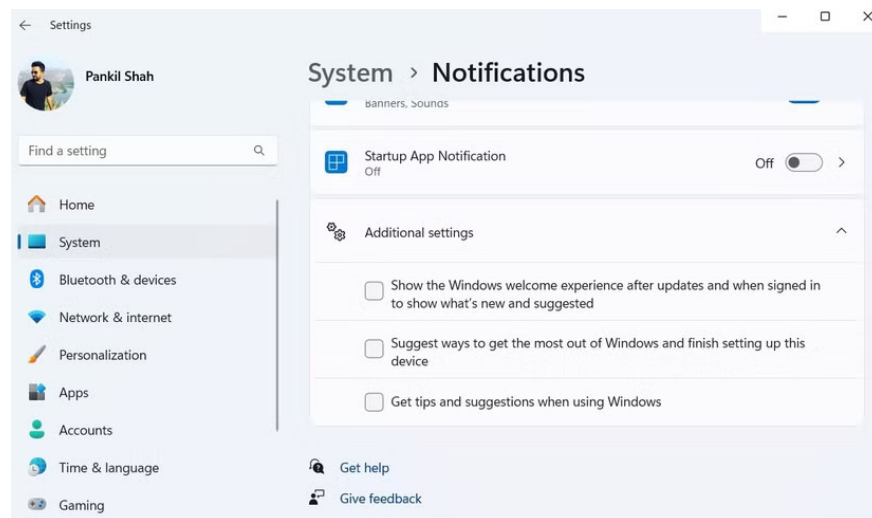


## 7. Turn off tips and suggestions

But it's not just apps that bombard you with notifications. Windows 11 itself also sends you tips and suggestions constantly. While some of these tips and suggestions may be helpful at first, they quickly become more annoying than helpful. To get some peace of mind, turn off these alerts completely.

To easily fix this issue, open **Settings > System > Notifications**, scroll down and expand **Additional settings**. Just uncheck the 3 boxes about tips and suggestions related to optimizing your Windows experience.

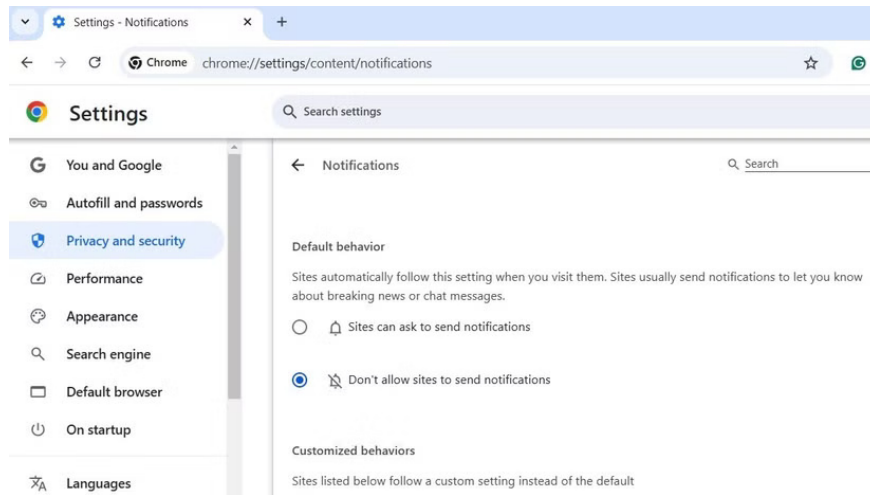
And no more tips popping up at the most inconvenient times. Without these unnecessary reminders, you can focus on what matters, with fewer distractions throughout your day.



## 6. Turn off browser notifications

Even though I try to avoid accepting notifications from websites, they still creep in from time to time. Since most of these websites — whether news sites or online stores — tend to be actively updated, they are hard to ignore.

To take control, turn off notifications entirely in your browser. For Chrome, go to **Settings > Privacy and security > Site settings > Notifications** and select **Don't allow sites to send notifications**. The process is similar for browsers like Microsoft Edge and Mozilla Firefox.

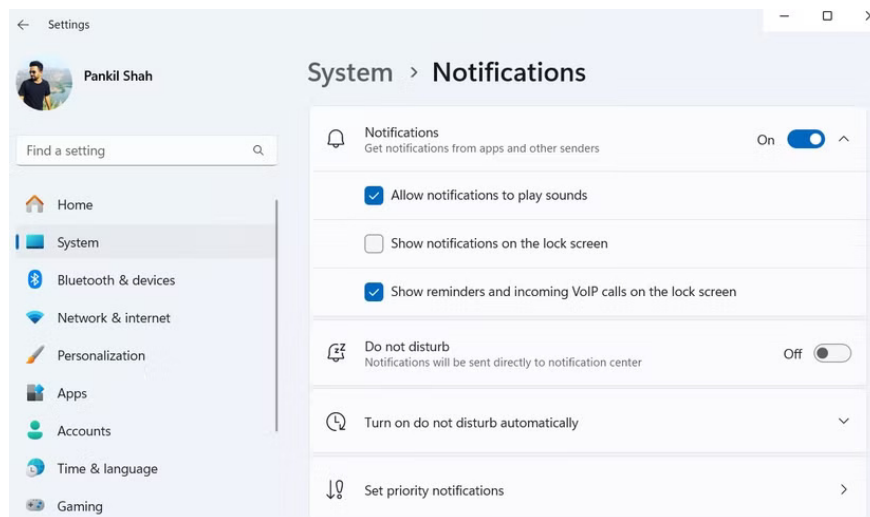


## 5. Stop notifications on lock screen

Since many people only lock their Windows PCs when they leave their desks, lock screen notifications aren't really useful to them. In fact, they often just make noise when they're away, which many people find annoying.

To stop them, go to **Settings > System > Notifications**, then expand the **Notifications** section. **There, just uncheck the Show notifications on the lock screen** option.

With this simple change, your lock screen will now stay clean and silent. No more worrying about random alerts interrupting your quiet time.

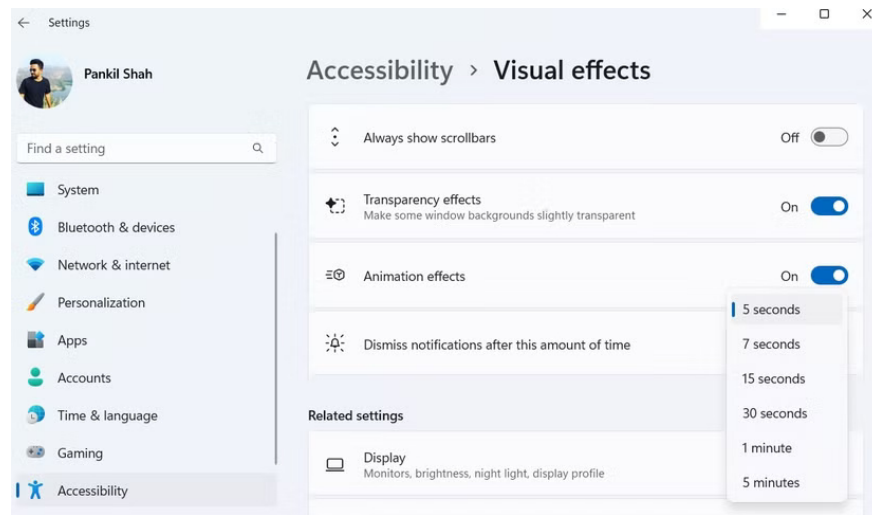


## 4. Customize the shutdown time for notification banners

By default, Windows 11 only displays notification banners for 5 seconds. While this works well for short alerts with minimal information, it's too short for detailed notifications that require a closer look.

To fix this, go to **Settings > Accessibility > Visual effects**. There, use **the Dismiss notifications after this amount of time** drop-down menu to increase the timeout.

Choosing a longer time period gives you the flexibility to ensure you have enough time to read and process important notifications without feeling rushed or missing out on important information.

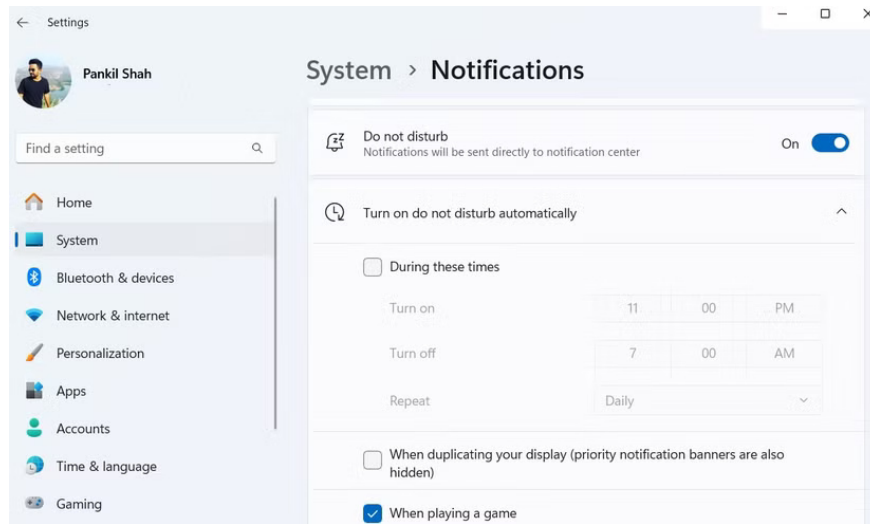


### 3. Enable Do Not Disturb mode

Sometimes, you need to focus completely on a task and eliminate all distractions. For those times, use Do Not Disturb on Windows. This feature blocks all notifications - whether from apps, messages, or system alerts - allowing you to work uninterrupted and fully immerse yourself in your task.

Luckily, Windows makes it quick and easy to turn Do Not Disturb on or off. Just open the **Notifications panel with the Win + N** keyboard shortcut and click the **Do Not Disturb** icon at the top. This lets you focus when you need to without having to worry about manually turning off notifications all the time.

The ability to automate this feature is really appreciated. For example, set Windows to automatically enable Do Not Disturb at specific times, such as when you're playing a game or using an app in full-screen mode. To configure this feature, go to **Settings > System > Notifications** and use the checkbox under "Turn on Do Not Disturb automatically."

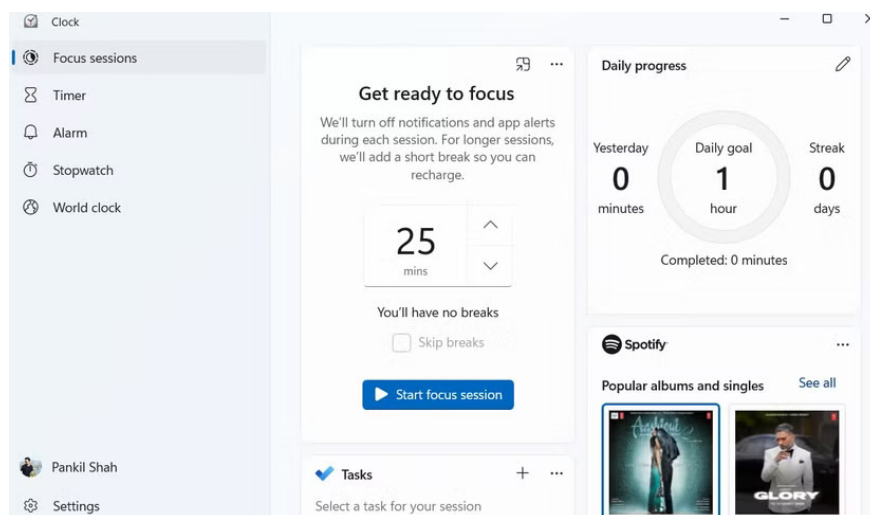


## 2. Make the Most of Focus Sessions

Focus Sessions on Windows 11 work similarly to Do Not Disturb mode, but take it a step further. They're built right into the Windows Clock app and allow for a truly distraction-free environment.

What makes Focus Sessions useful is that it not only blocks notifications but goes further by preventing apps from showing notification badges or flashing in the taskbar.

Another great feature is the seamless integration with Spotify. You can choose a playlist or background music to help you focus, all within the Focus Sessions tab. Additionally, integration with the Microsoft To Do app lets you track tasks and check them off as they're completed, helping you stay organized and focused.

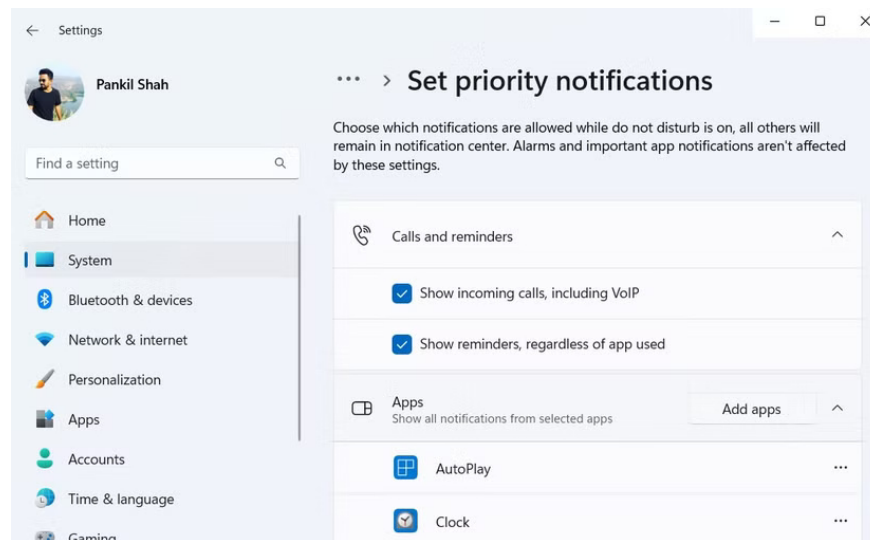


## 1. Set priority notifications

Finally, setting priority notifications ensures you don't miss any important alerts while Do Not Disturb is active.

By default, apps like Clock and Snipping Tool are set as priority notifications, but you can add some of your own. To do this, go to **Settings > System > Notifications > Set priority notifications** . There, tap **Add apps** and select the apps you never want to miss notifications from.

This allows you to focus during work hours while still ensuring that important notifications still reach you.



Overall, the above tips will help you turn your Windows 11 experience into something much more peaceful. You should try them to have a more enjoyable and productive Windows 11 experience.

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