

# How to enable Hibernate mode on Windows 11

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If you're an experienced Windows user who recently upgraded to Windows 11, you may have noticed that the Start menu doesn't have a Hibernate power option anymore. Microsoft removed hibernation from the default Power menu in Windows 11, but you can still restore it and extend your system's battery life.

Hibernate mode is similar to Sleep mode, but it prolongs battery life by saving the current system state to a file on your hard drive and then using that mode to resume work when you start it up. Here's everything you need to know about how to enable and configure Hibernate mode on Windows 11.

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As mentioned above, the Hibernate option is missing from the Power button in the Start menu. Similarly, you also cannot access it through other Power options in Windows 11, so you will have to enable it through Control Panel settings manually.

Here is how you can enable Hibernate mode on Windows 11:

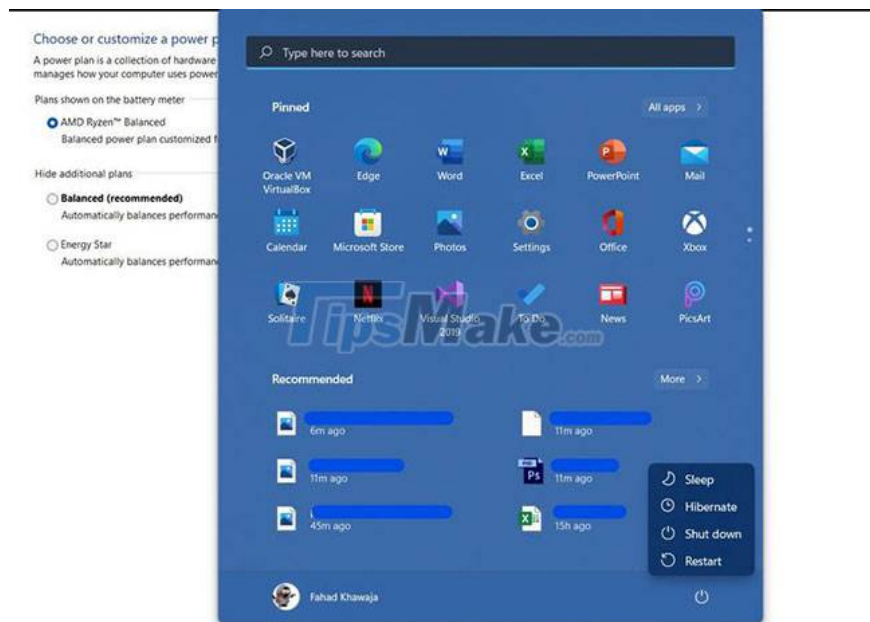
Step 1. Launch the Start menu, search for Control Panel and select the best match.

Step 2. Click System and Security, then in Power Options, click Change what the power buttons do.



Step 3. Click Change settings that are currently unavailable.

Step 4. In Shutdown settings, tick Hibernate and finally click Save changes to enable hibernation on Windows 11.



You can now put your system into hibernation via Start > Power > Hibernate.

## How to customize hibernation on Windows 11

After enabling Hibernate mode on Windows 11, you can adjust a number of settings to customize it to suit your workflow.

Here's how you can adjust hibernation settings on Windows 11:

Step 1. Open the Start menu, search for Control Panel and select the best match.

Step 2. Click on System and Security, then click on Power Options.

Step 3. For the currently selected power plan, click Change plan settings, then select Change advanced power settings to open the Power Options dialog box.



Step 4. Expand the Sleep options and then expand the Hibernate after options.

Step 5. Adjust the time it takes to enter hibernation mode when on battery (On Battery) and plugged in (Plugged in).

Step 6. To make your changes permanent, click Apply and then OK.

Similarly, you can also configure hibernation as the default power mode when the lid is closed or the machine is idle. You can set these options through Control Panel > System and Security > Power Options > Choose what closing the lid does.

Laptops usually don't have long battery life, so a long day of work will be more difficult if the machine runs out of battery quickly. Hibernation extends battery life, saving currently open files and programs in a file, so you can quickly restore the current state when you return to work.

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