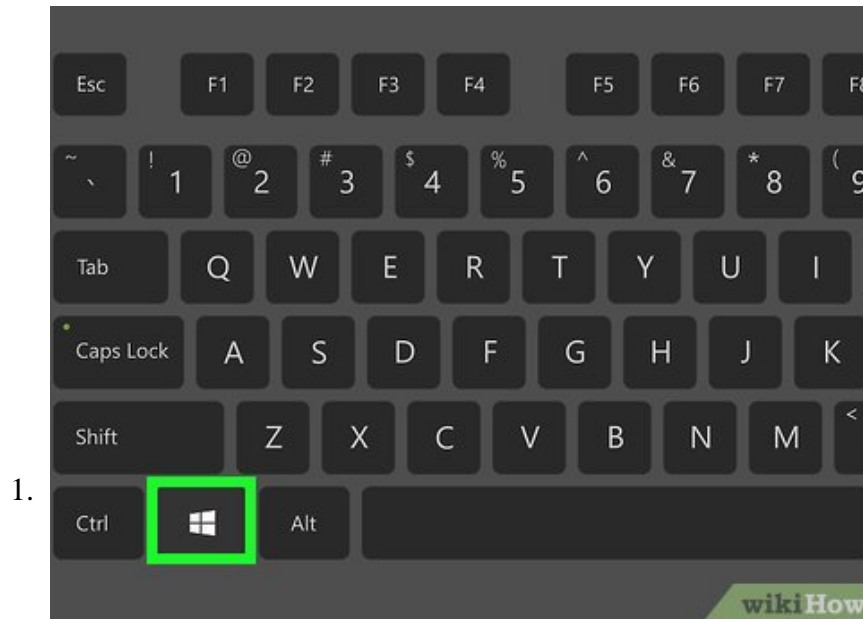


How to Make an Audio CD With Windows 7

This wikiHow teaches you how to burn music onto a CD on a Windows 7 computer. As long as your computer is equipped with the correct hardware, you can burn CDs using Windows 7's built-in Media Player program. Open Start . Click the Windows...

Part 1 of 2:

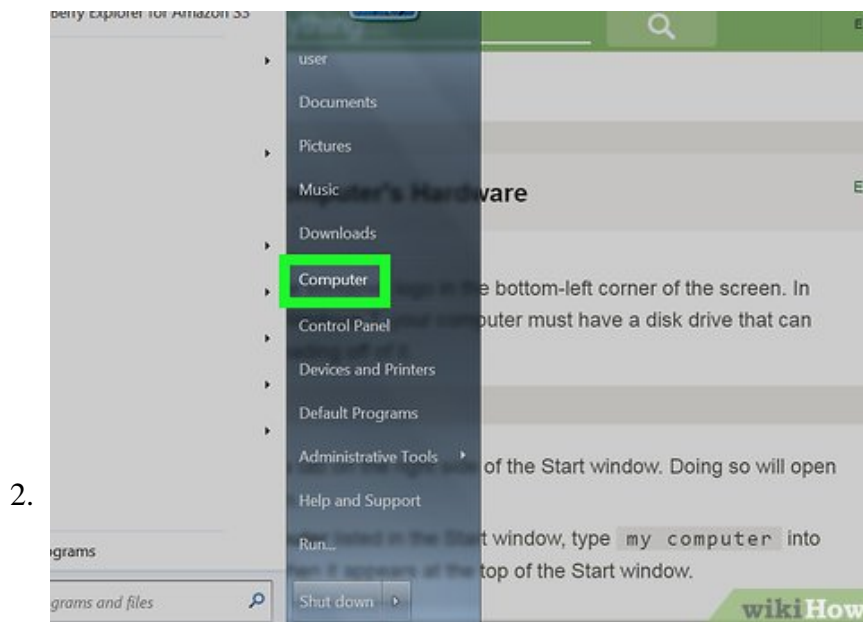
Checking Your Computer's Hardware



Open Start



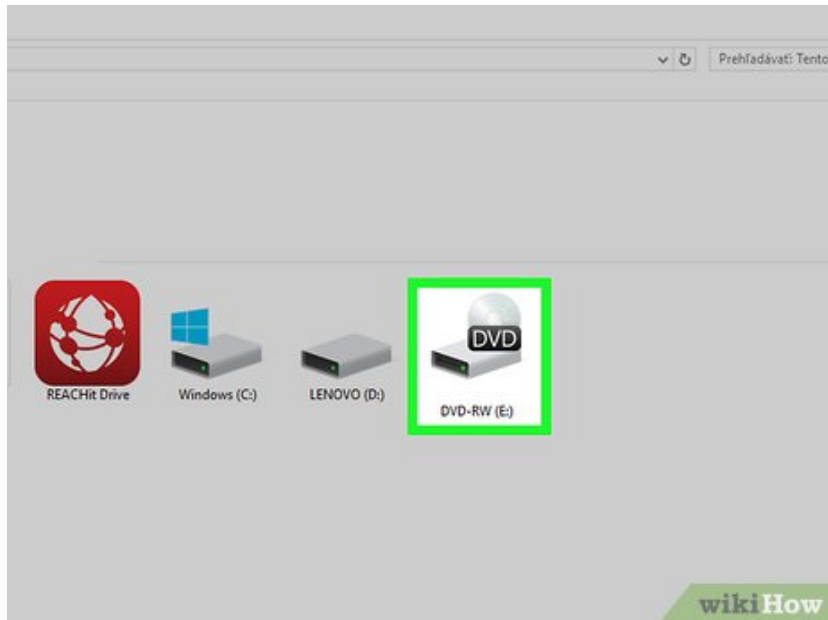
. Click the Windows logo in the bottom-left corner of the screen. In order to make an audio CD in Windows 7, your computer must have a disk drive that can write to a CD rather than just reading off of it.



Click **Computer**. It's a tab on the right side of the Start window. Doing so will open the My Computer program.

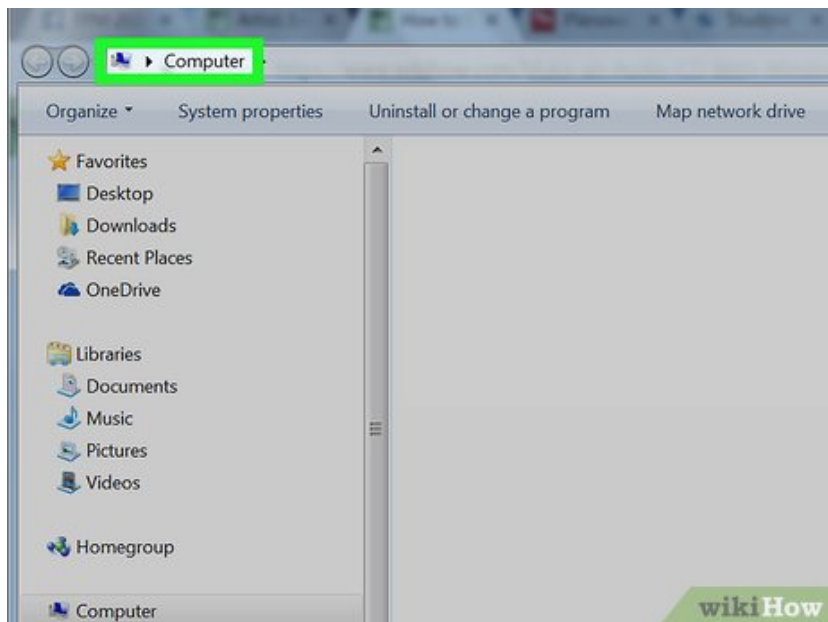
1. If you don't have **Computer** listed in the Start window, type `my computer` into Start and then click it when it appears at the top of the Start window.

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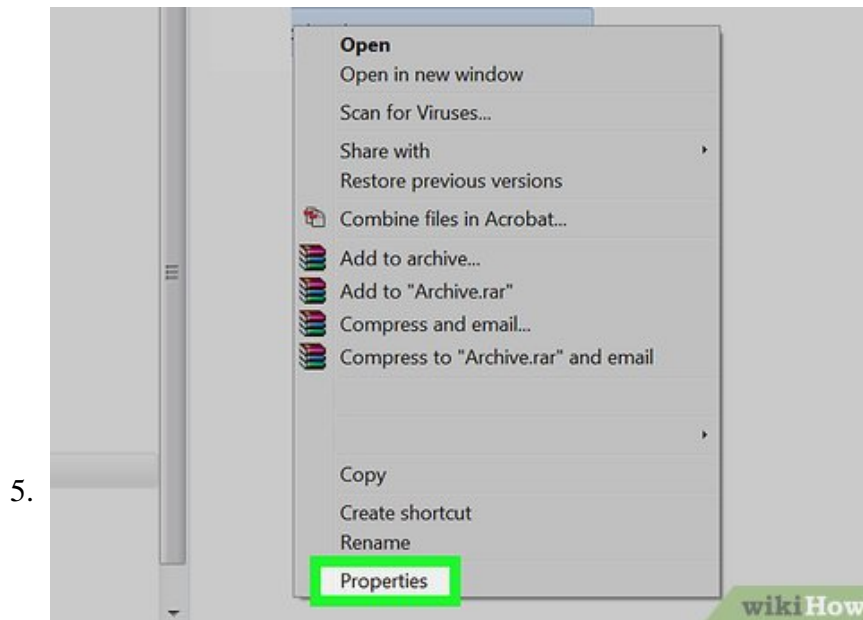
Select your CD drive. Click the CD drive below the "Devices and drives" heading in the middle of the page to select it. The CD drive typically has an image of a disc on top of it.

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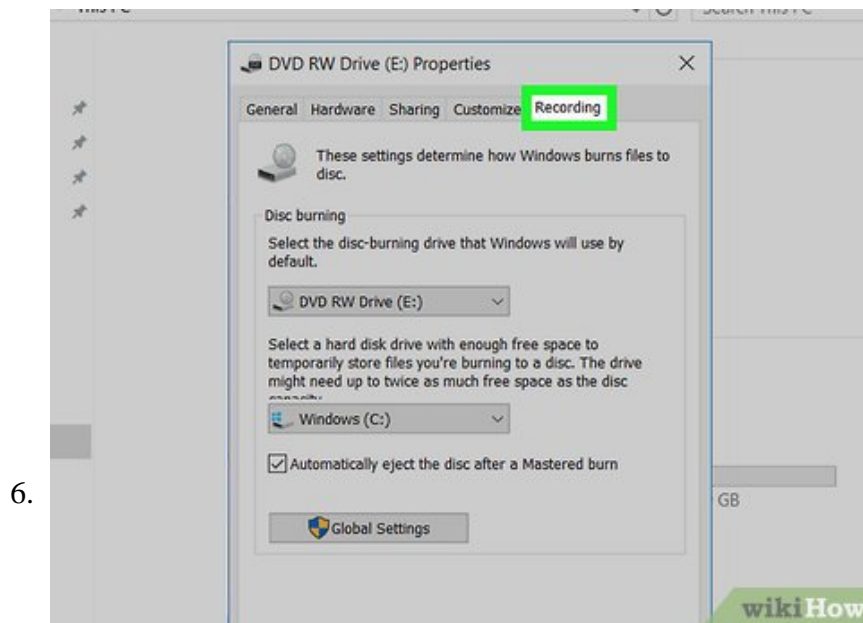
Click Computer. This tab is in the upper-left corner of the My Computer window. Clicking it prompts a toolbar to appear at the top of the window.

1. You can also just right-click the CD drive.



Click **Properties**. It's the white box with a red checkmark that's on the left side of the **Computer** toolbar. Doing so opens your disk drive's Properties window.

1. If you right-clicked the CD drive, **Properties** is at the bottom of the drop-down menu.



Look for a **Recording** tab. It should be in the upper-right corner of the Properties window. If you see the **Recording** tab here, your computer's CD drive can burn CDs.

1. If you don't see the **Recording** tab, you'll have to buy a USB CD burner drive that plugs into your computer's USB port. You can do this for less than \$50.

Part 2 of 2:

Burning a CD

1.



Make sure you have a blank CD. You can use a blank CD-R for most audio CDs. If you don't have a blank CD-R, you can buy them from most tech departments in stores or online.

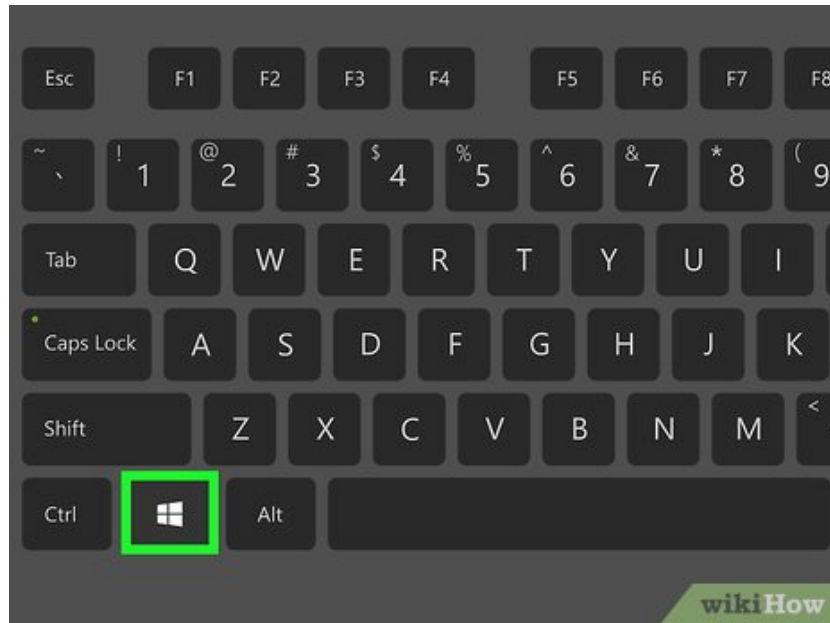
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Insert your CD into your computer. Press your computer's CD eject button, then place the CD into the tray logo side-up and close the tray.

1. If an "AutoPlay" window pops up, close it.

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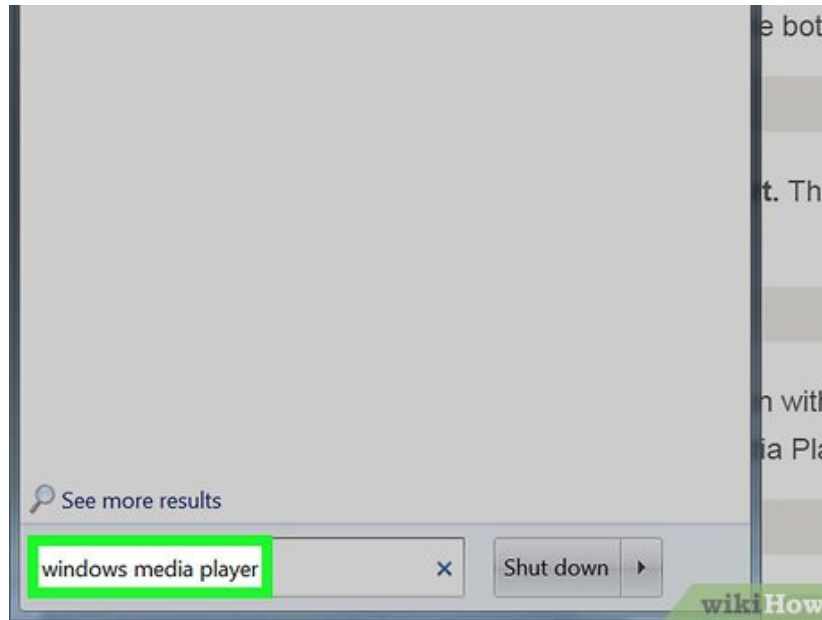


Open Start



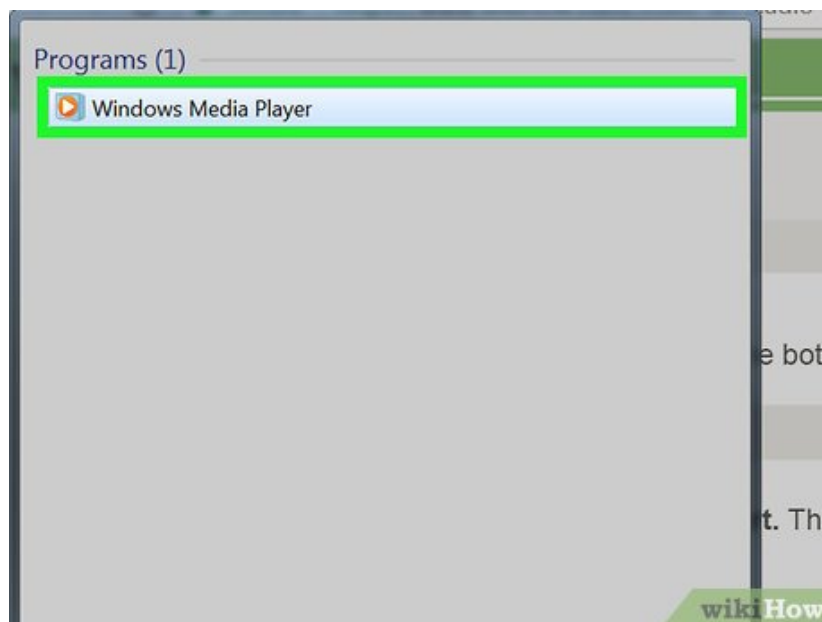
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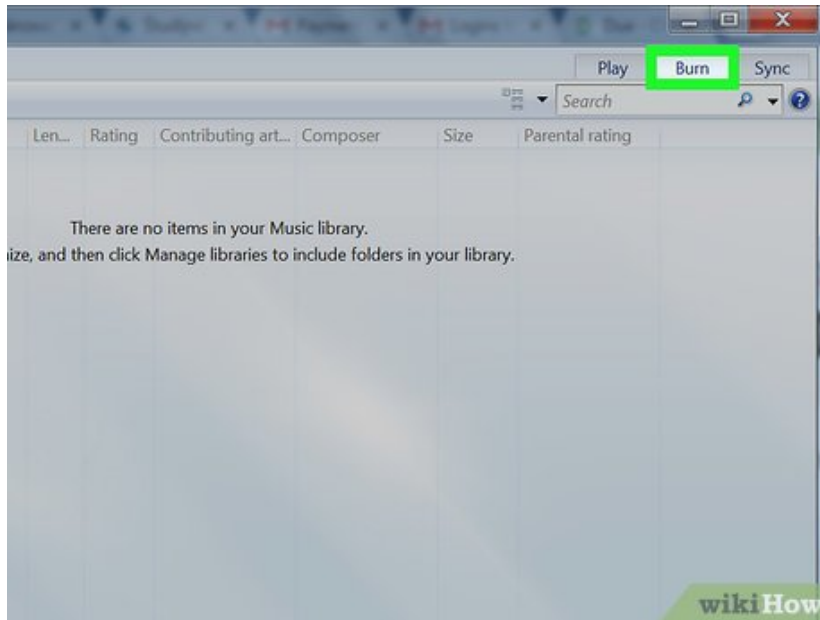
Type **windows media player** into Start. This will search your computer for the Windows Media Player program.

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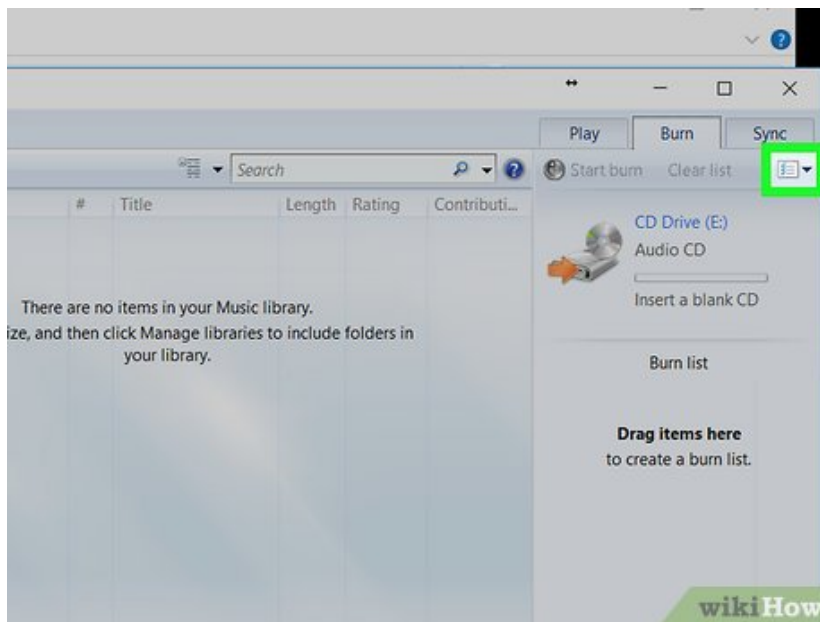
Click **Windows Media Player**. It's a blue icon with an orange circle and a white triangle on it. Doing so will open Windows Media Player.

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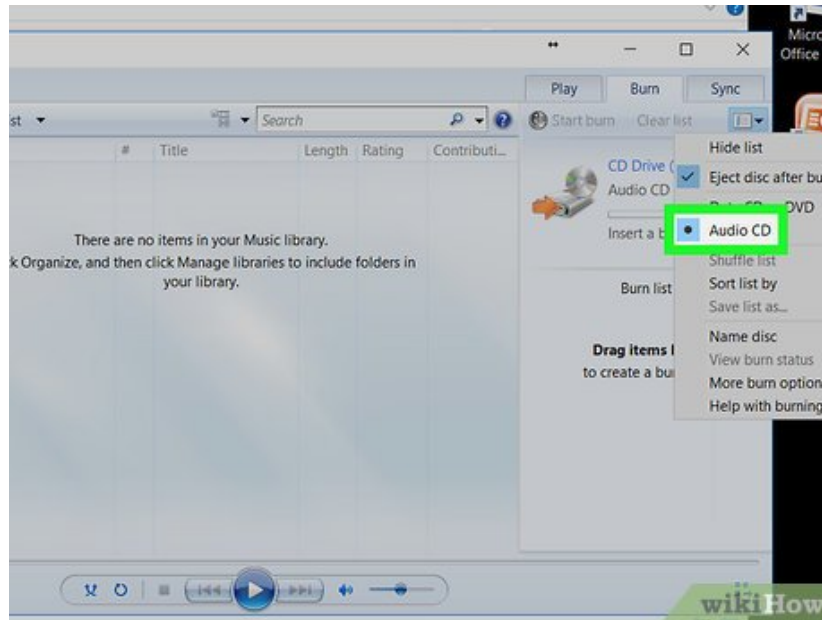
Click **Burn**. This tab is in the top-right corner of the Windows Media Player window. A sidebar will open on the right side of the Windows Media Player window.

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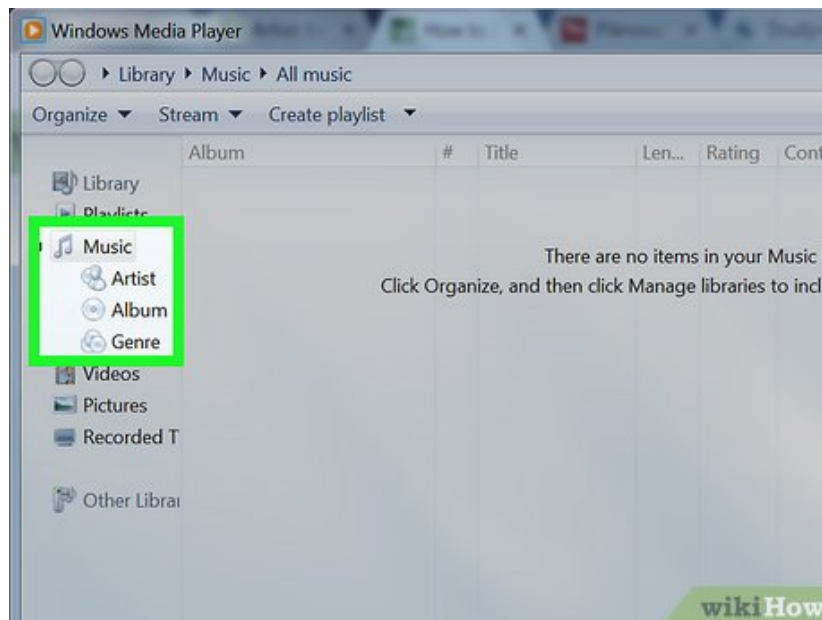
Click the **"Options" button**. It's the white box with green checkmarks in the top-right corner of the sidebar. A drop-down menu will appear.

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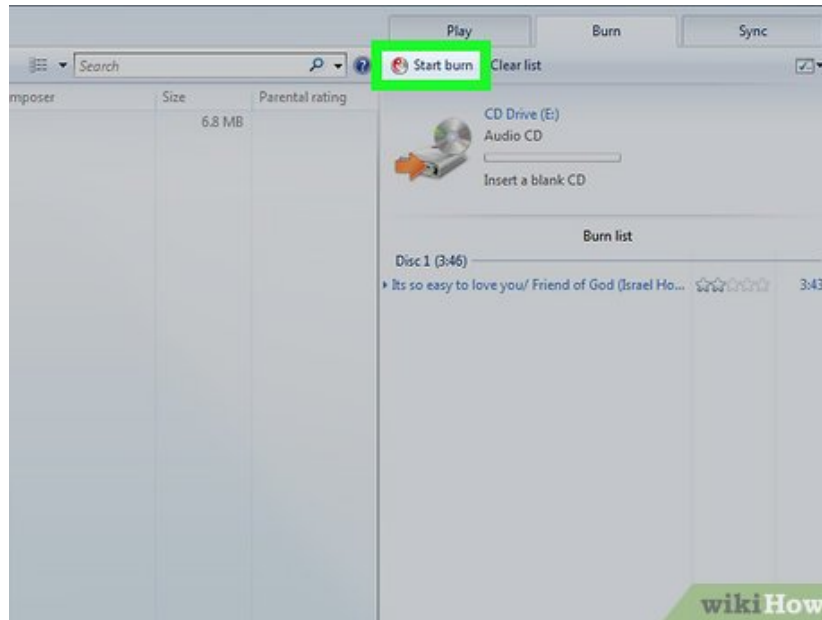
Click the **Audio CD** option. This will set your burn preferences to "Audio".

9.



Select music to add to the CD. Click and drag songs or albums into the sidebar, then drop them there. Doing so adds them to the CD's burn queue.

10.



Click **Start burn**. This link is in the upper-left corner of the sidebar. Your music will begin burning to your CD.^[1]

1. When the burn is complete, your disc will automatically eject from your computer.

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