How to Uninstall Updates on Android

This article shows you how to uninstall app updates on Android smartphones and tablets. Only some phones and apps let you uninstall app updates - most phones and apps don't have this option. If your device does not support the uninstall feature and you want to use an older version of the app, you will have to install the older version manually by uninstalling the old version from a third-party source. . Google recommends that you do not install apps through third parties as this is a source that may contain malicious code or harm your phone. Through this article, you will know how to uninstall apps and install old, unofficial versions of certain apps on your Android phone.

Remove updates

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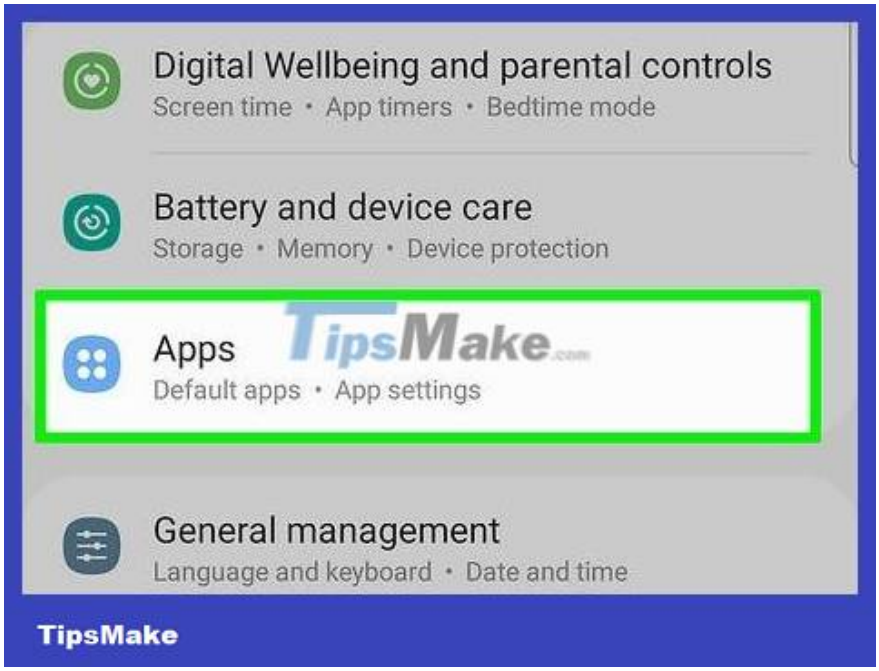
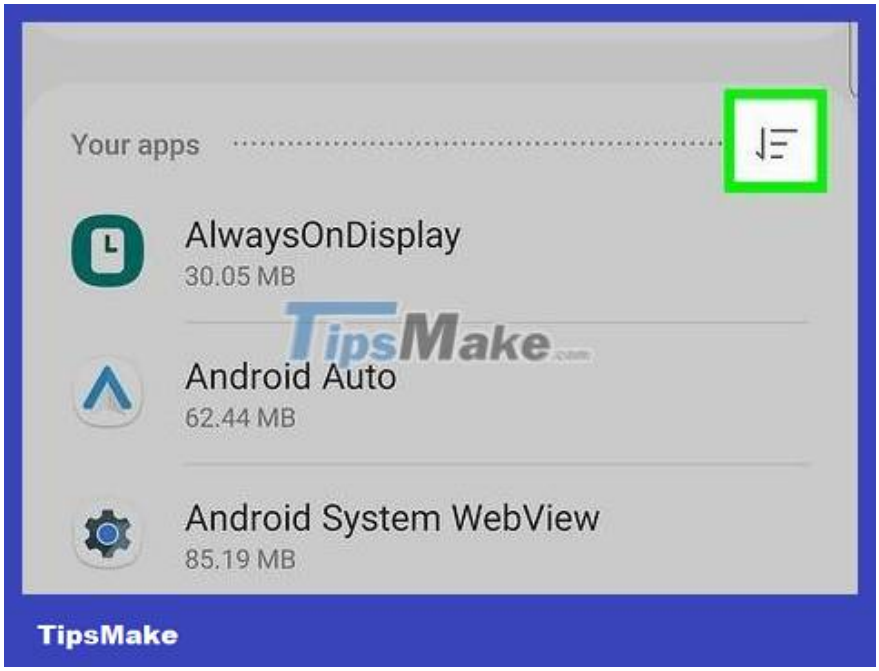


Tap Apps. It's an option at the top of the Settings menu next to the frame icon with the small squares. Here, you will see a list of all downloaded applications and operating system applications.

On older versions of Android, this menu is called "Apps".



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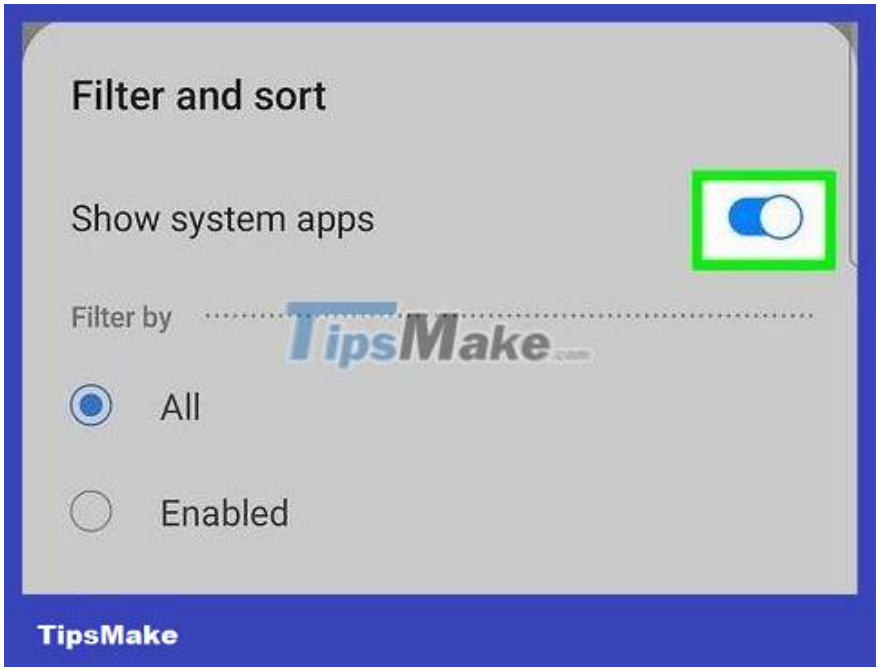
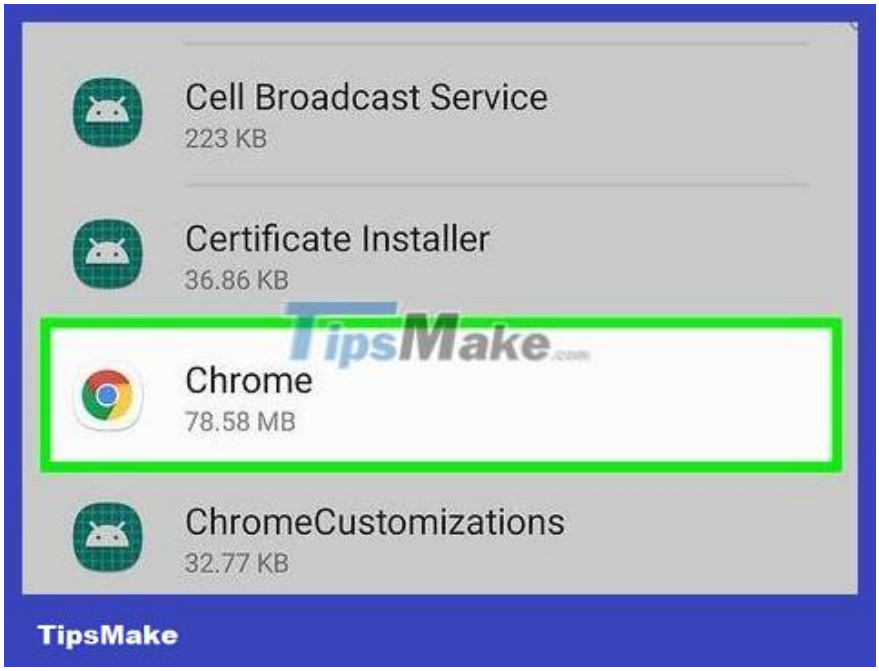
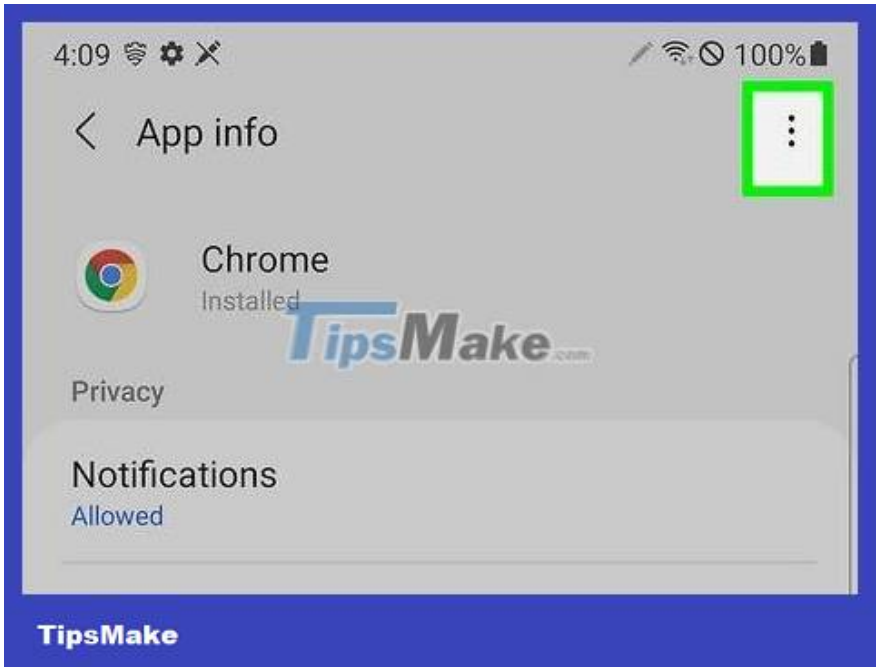


Tap Show System . This is the selection at the top of the currently displayed menu and allows you to view the system apps pre-installed on your device.



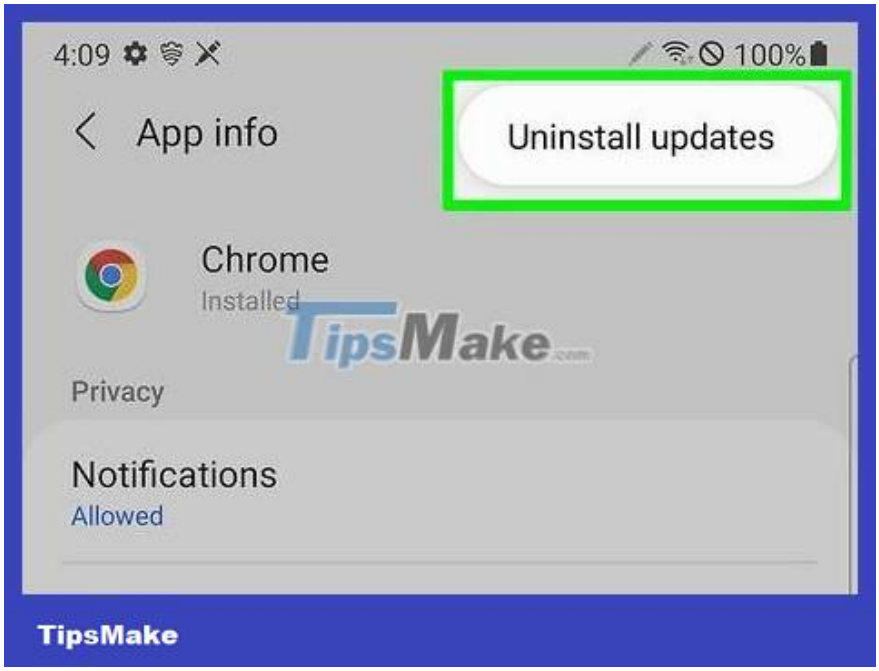
Tap an app. All installed apps on your Android device are sorted alphabetically. This will show you the Application Info page.

You can only uninstall updates of a few pre-installed apps on some Android phones.

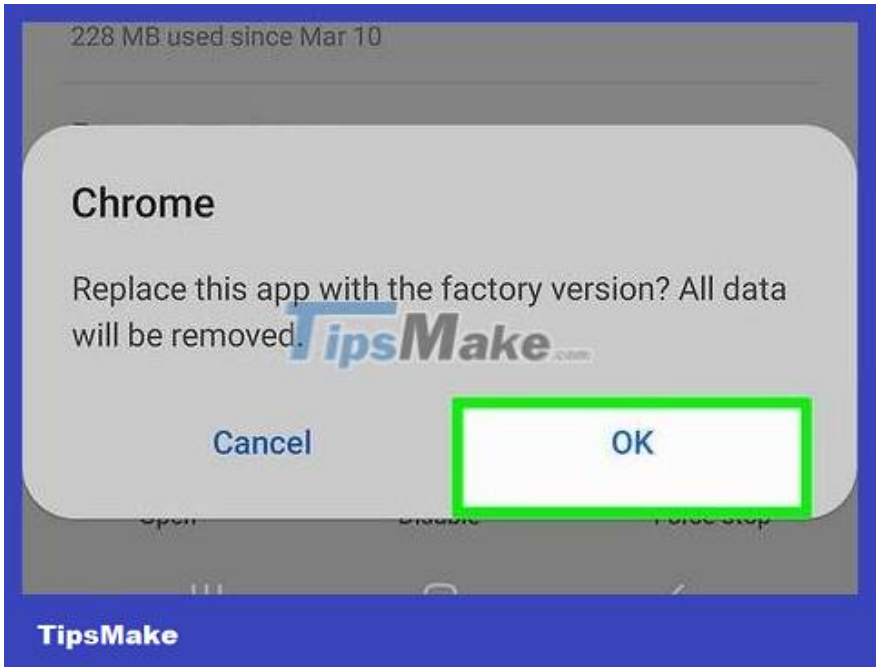


Tap ? . This is the three vertical dots button displayed in the upper right corner of the Application Info page.

If you don't see this button in the upper right corner, you can't uninstall the update. In this case, see part 2 of this article to learn how to uninstall the app and reinstall the old, unofficial version of the app.



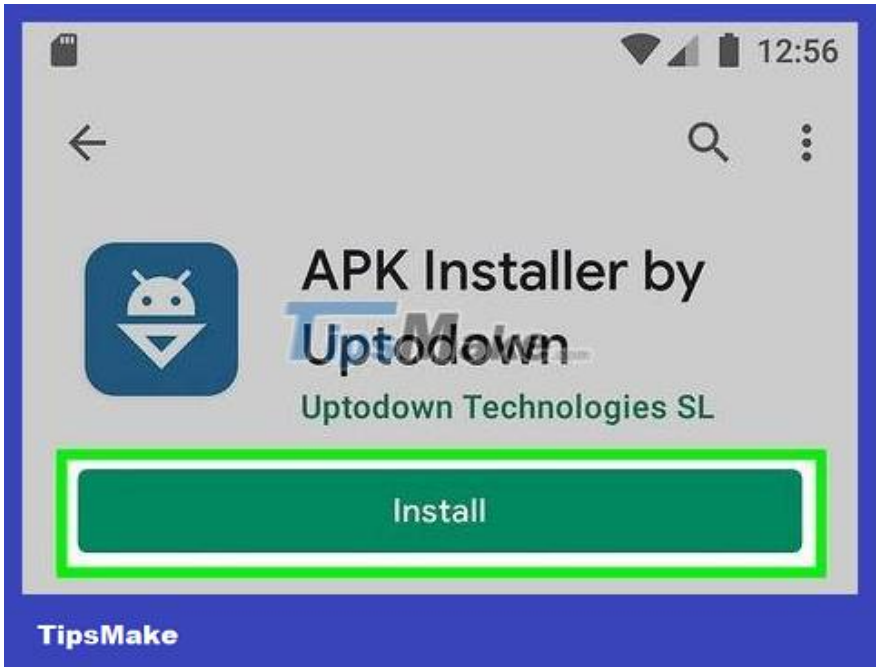
Tap Uninstall Updates . You'll see a message asking if you want to remove the app update.



Tap OK in the lower right corner of the notification window. This is to confirm that you want to remove the update.

Thus, the original version of the application will be restored. You cannot return to the most recent version of the app.

Install older versions of the app on Android 8.0 and newer operating systems



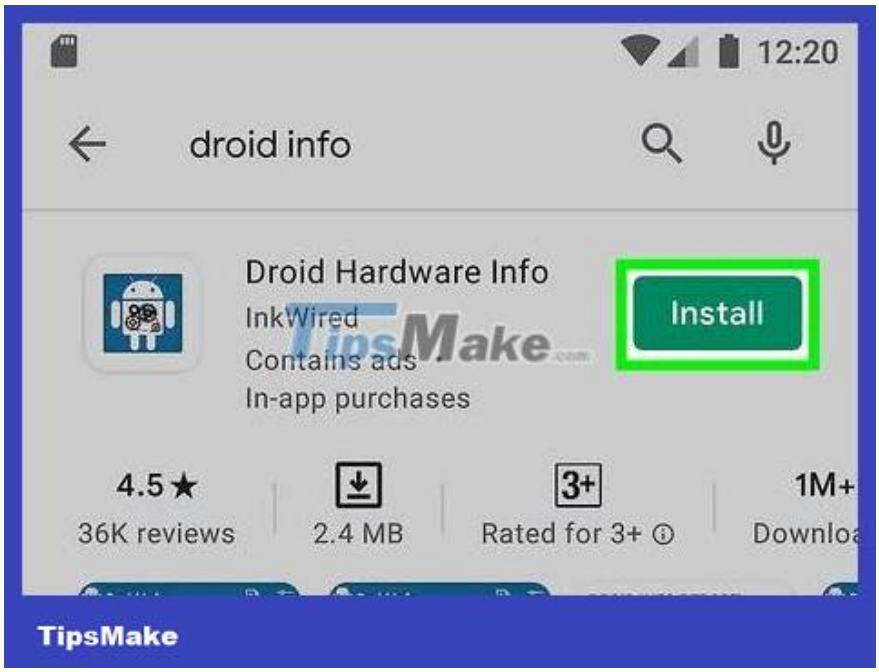
Download APK Installer. APK Installer application specializes in installing APK files on Android devices. Follow these steps to download and install APK Installer:

Open **Google Play Store** .

Type "APK Installer" in the search bar.

Tap on "APK Installer".

Select "Install".



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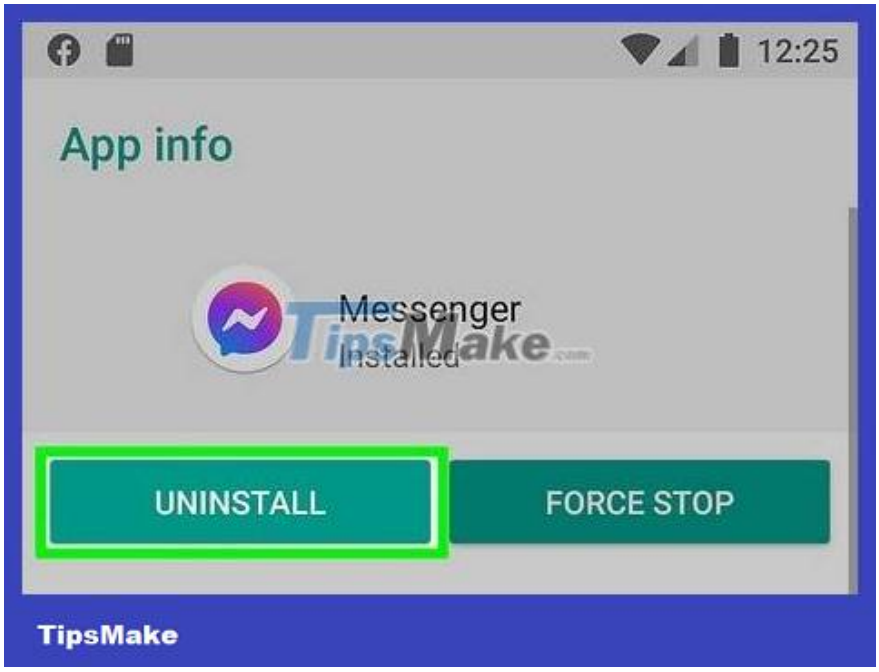

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Open the Settings app .

Tap **Apps &** notifications or **Apps** on your Samsung Galaxy device.

Tap on the app.

Tap **Force Stop** .

Tap **Uninstall** .

Allow APK Installer to install applications from Unknown Sources. Follow these steps to allow APK Installer to install apps from Unknown Sources.

Open the Settings app .

Tap **Apps & notifications** .

Tap **?** in the upper right corner.

Tap Special Access **.**

Tap **Install unknown apps** .

Tap on **APK Installer**

Tap the slider next to **Allow from this source** .

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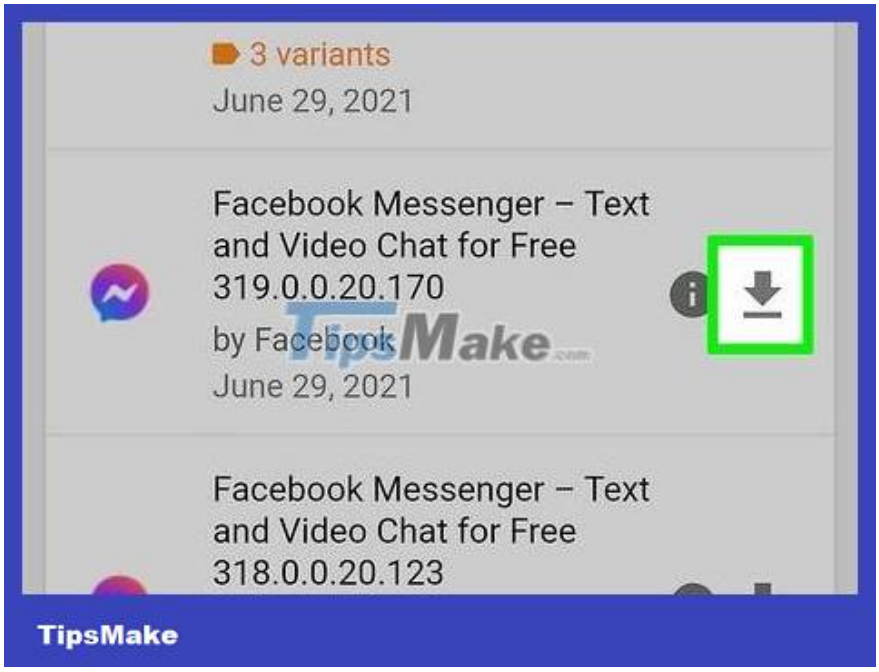

Tap next to the version you want to download. You just need to touch the down arrow icon on the right, next to the version of the application you want to download. This will take you to the download page.

Tap SEE AVAILABLE APKS (See available APKs) and tap the version suitable for your phone. In the "Download" section, under the "Variant" column, you will select the version that matches the phone specifications you noted earlier. If the version says "arm", it is the 32-bit version, and "arm64" is the 64-bit version.

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Select **OK** when you receive a confirmation message that you want to download this file type.

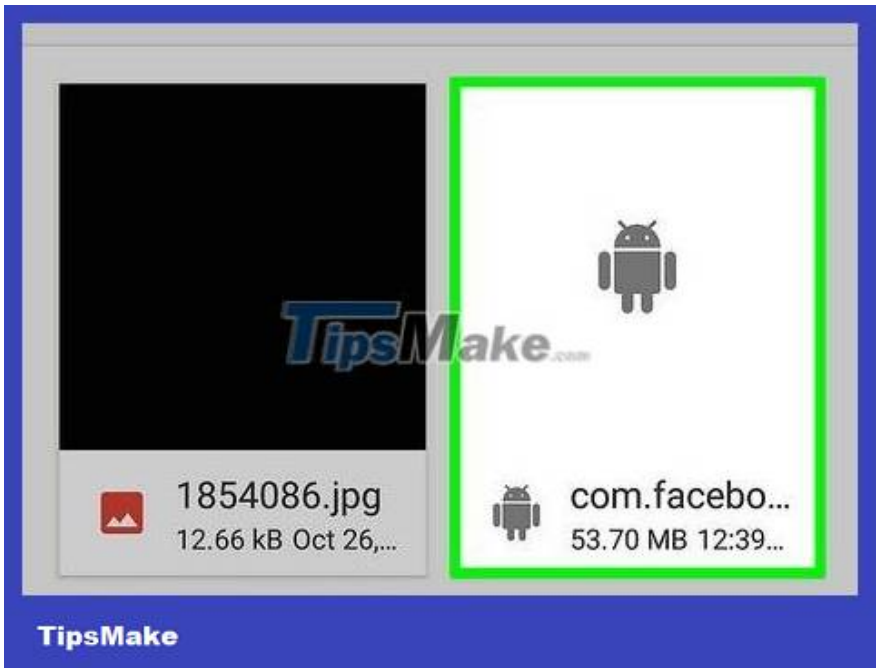
Open the "My Files" app. This is the default file management application on Android devices. On most Android devices, you can find this app in the app drawer.

On some Android devices, this app is also called "Files".

On Samsung Galaxy devices, you can find this app in the Samsung folder in the app drawer.

Open the "Downloads" folder in the File Manager app. This is where all the applications you have downloaded from the internet are stored.

Samsung Galaxy devices also have an "Installation Files" folder for APK files. You can find the APK file here or in the Downloads folder.



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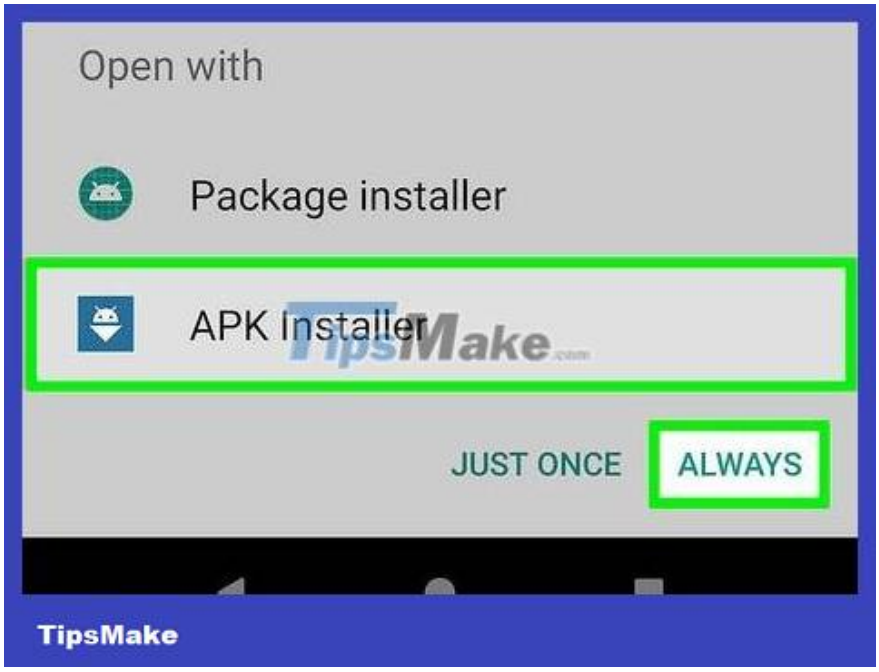

Tap the APK Installer app and tap Always . The first time you open an APK file, you will be asked to confirm that you want to choose a program to open the file. Tap the APK Installer app icon and select **Always** at the bottom of the screen.

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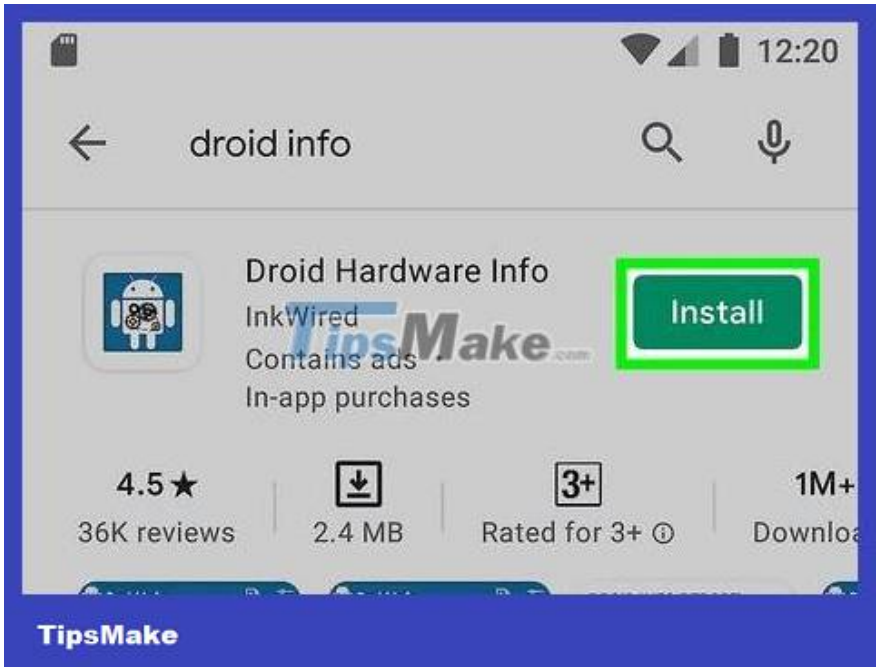

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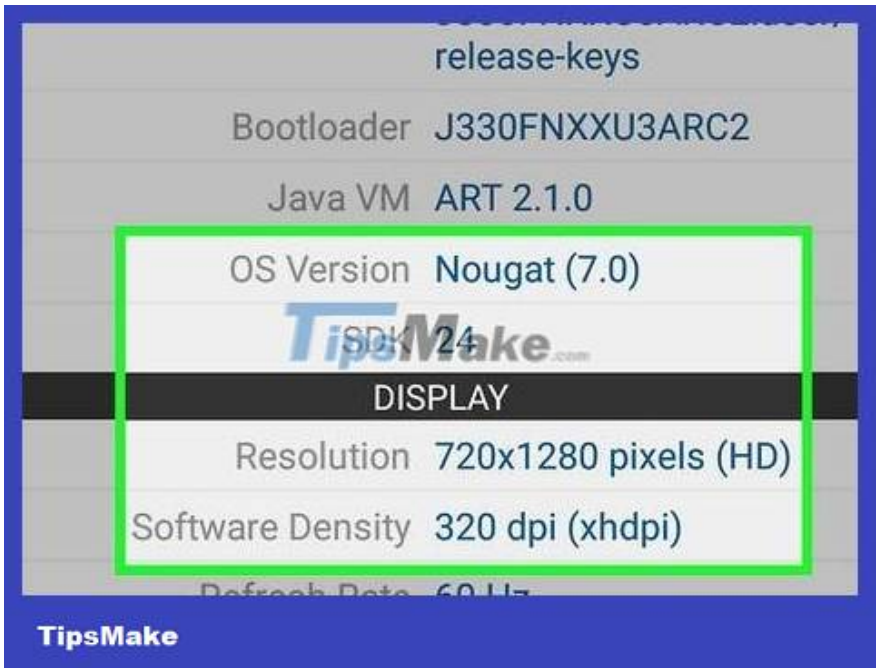

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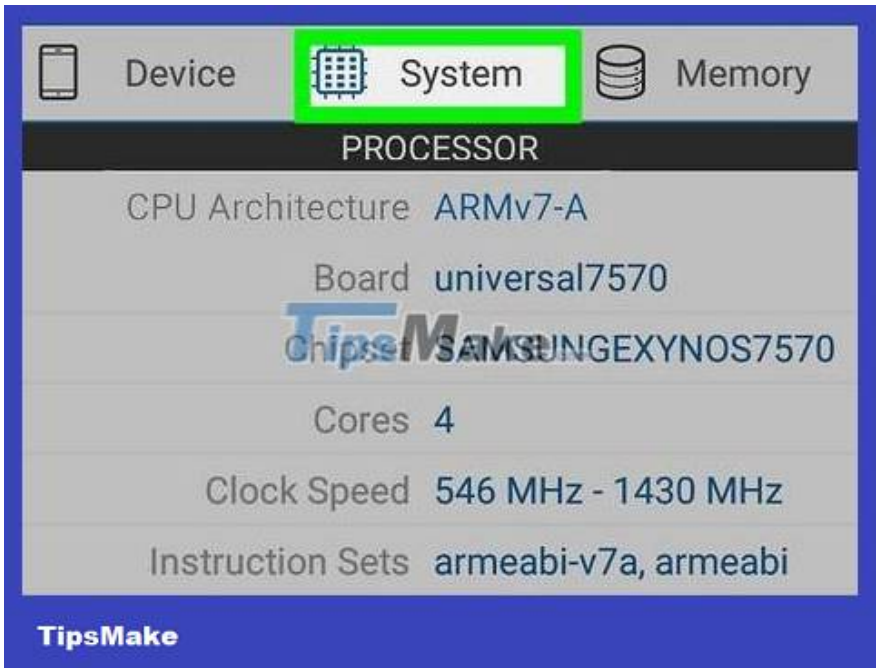

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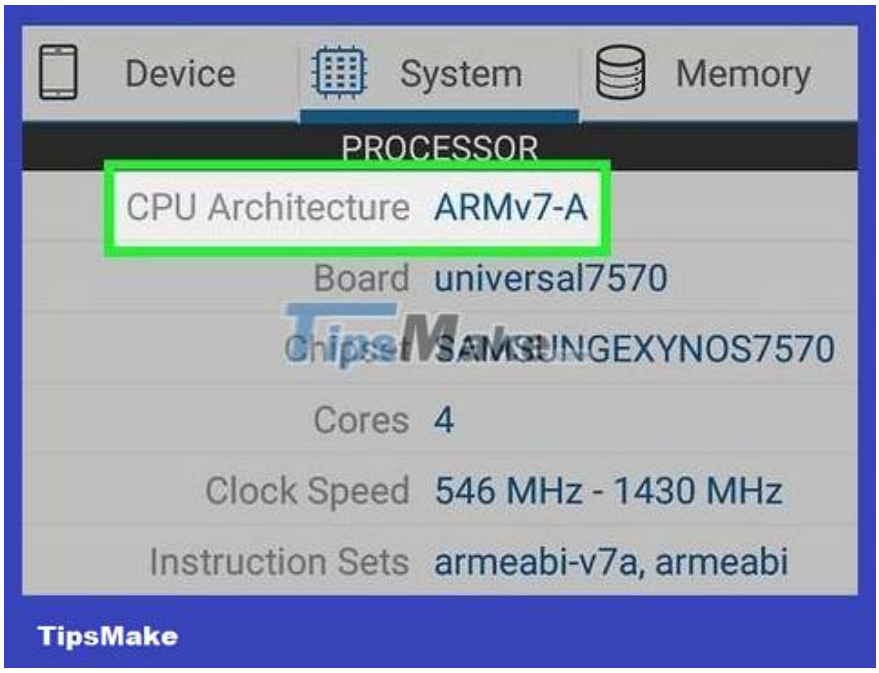

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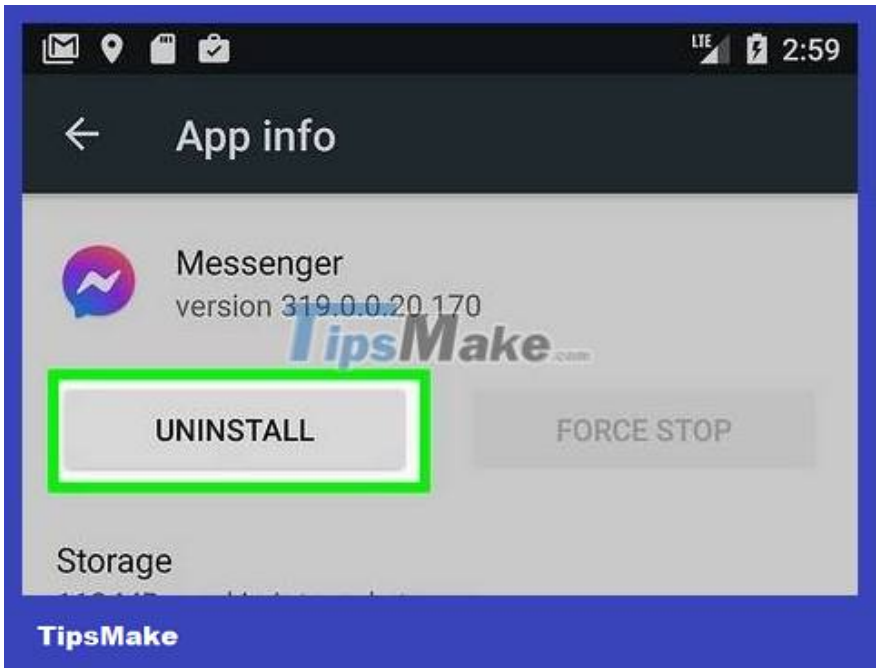

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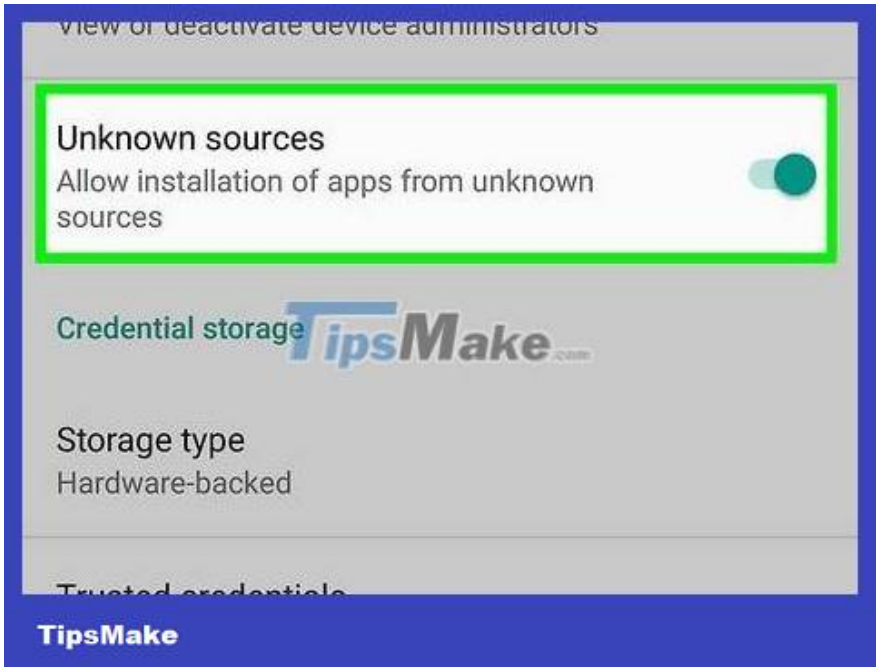

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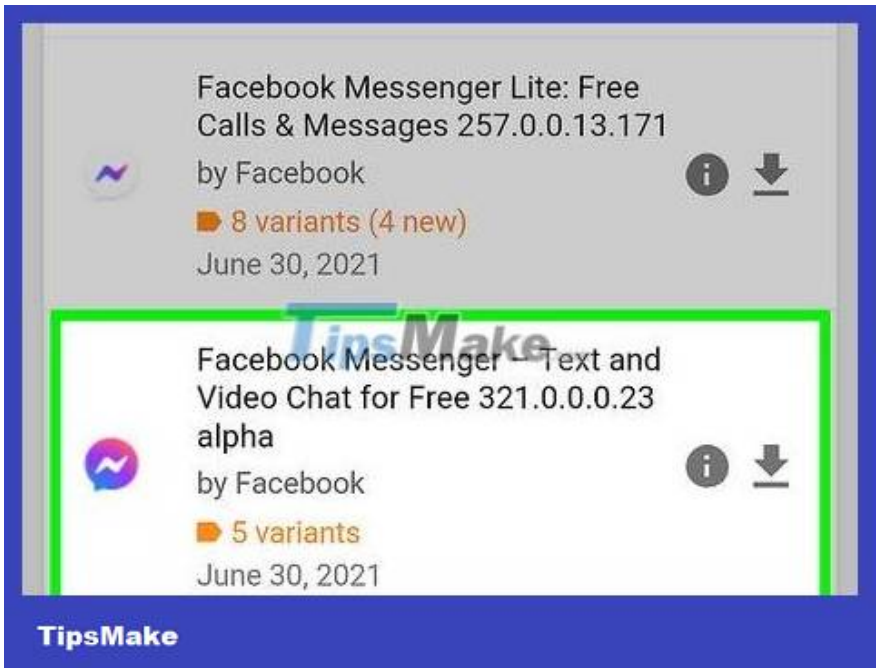

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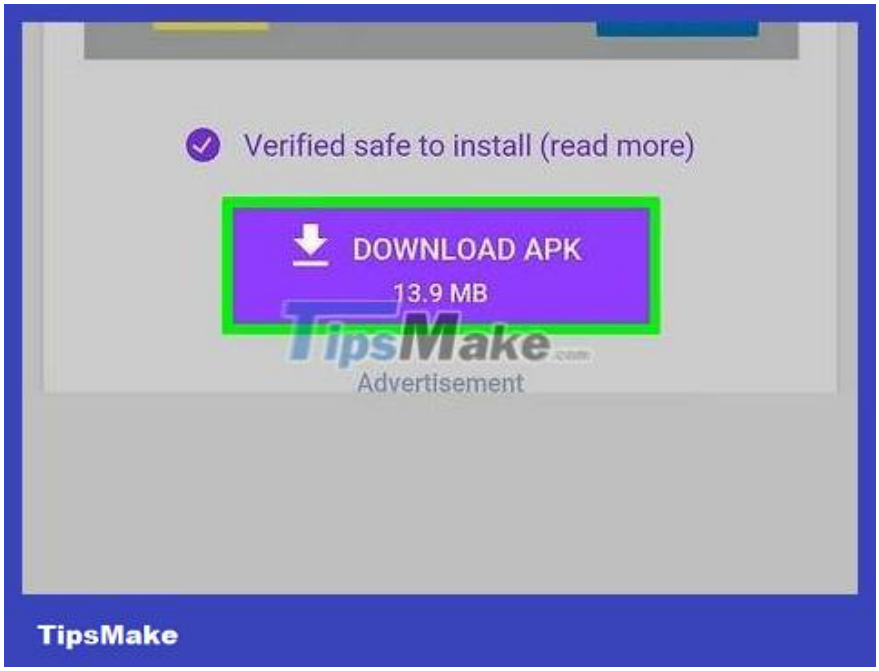

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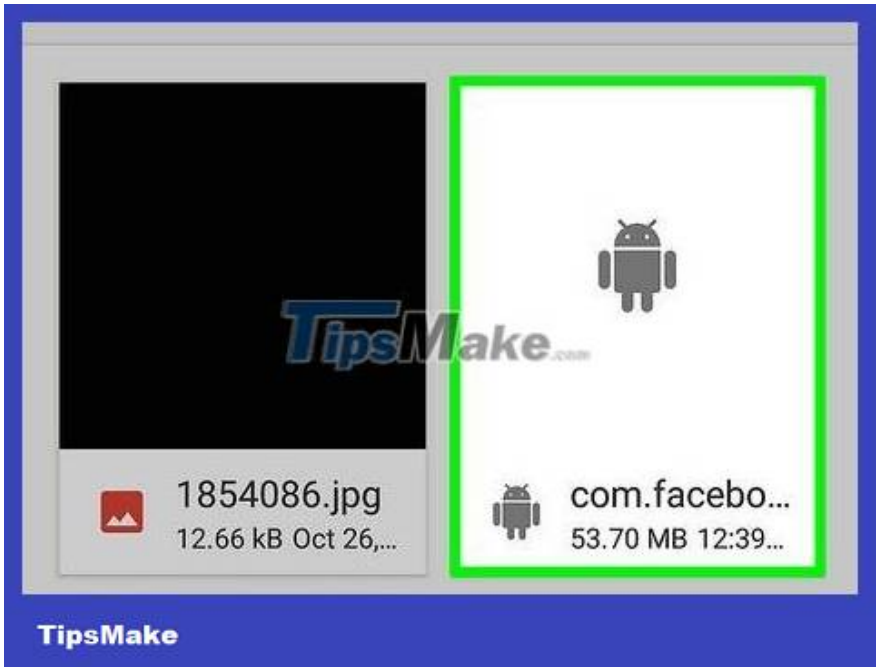

Open the download folder and select the newly downloaded application. On many Android phones, you'll open the "Downloads" app in the app drawer, or open the "Files" or "My Files" app, then select a folder. "Downloads". The final step is to find and select the downloaded APK file.

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