

# What is Old Window? How to delete Windows.old quickly

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The Window old folder is automatically created after updating to the new version of Windows 10. This folder is often heavy and takes up a lot of memory. So what is Windows old and how do I delete windows.old? Join TipsMake to reveal 5 effective ways to delete old windows on Windows 10!

## What is window old?

When you upgrade your computer to Windows 10 or reinstall, the installation saves a copy of the previous version in the 'Windows.old' folder.

This is part of the safety mechanism in case the upgrade goes wrong. If the installation fails for any reason, the system can use the Windows.old folder to undo the changes.

When upgrading, users can safely **delete the Windows.old folder to increase storage capacity**.

In this **guide to deleting windows.old file** , TipsMake will show you different ways to **delete windows old file** manually in Windows 10 in the easiest way.

## How to delete Windows.old with CCleaner software

To ensure success **in deleting old windows** with CCleaner software, users will have to perform the following steps **to delete windows.old** one by one :

1. **Step 1** : Download and select the CCleaner software installation. (Skip this step if you have CCleaner installed on your device).

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1. **Step 2** : Type **CCleaner** then press **Enter** in the search box.

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1. **Step 3** : Click **CCleaner** . Next, select **Setting > Old Windows Installation > Analyze > Run Cleaner** .

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After completing these steps, the old windows you previously **deleted windows.old** on Windows 10 will no longer exist on your computer.

## How to delete Windows.old with Disk Cleanup

The following are the steps for users to **delete old windows** using Disk Cleanup.

1. **Step 1** : Type **Disk Cleanup** . Then, press **Enter** in the search box.

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1. **Step 2** : Select drive **C**. Next press the **OK** button .

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1. **Step 3** : Click **Clean up system files** .
1. **Step 4** : Continue and select drive **C** and press the **OK** button .

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1. **Step 5** : Check the previous **Windows installation and select OK** .

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After completing these steps, the old Windows 10 installation folder will be deleted, freeing up 14GB to 20GB of storage space on your computer's hard drive.

## Instructions on how to delete the Windows.old folder in Command Prompt

For Windows 7 operating system, we will use **cmd** to delete. Windows 8 and 10 operating systems do not work this way. Here are the steps on how to **delete the Windows.old folder** in Command Prompt:

1. **Step 1** : First, users type **CMD** in the search box. Then, select the item with the line **Run as Administrator** .

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1. **Step 2** : Now, enter the command **RD /S /Q %SystemDrive%windows.old** and press the **Enter** button .

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After completing these steps, the Windows.old folder will be **deleted** from the user's own windows.old.

## How to delete the Windows.old folder using the Storage feature

To **delete the Windows.old folder** with the Storage feature in the easiest way, follow these steps:

1. **Step 1** : Type **Storage** > **Enter** in the search box.

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1. **Step 2** : Select **Temporary Files** .

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1. **Step 3** : Then, continue scrolling down and tick **Older Windows Version** . Finally, click **Delete files** to proceed with deletion.

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## How to delete Windows.old file using Temporary files Settings

In addition to **deleting old windows files** as instructed above, there is also **a way to delete old windows files** using **Temporary files Settings** , the steps **to delete windows.old** are as follows:

1. **Step 1** : The user opens **Settings** .

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1. **Step 2** : Then click **System** .

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1. **Step 3** : Click on **Storage** .

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1. **Step 4** : According to the **Storage Sense section**, click on the **Remove files** option at **Free up space now** .

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1. **Step 5** : Click on **Previous Windows installation(s)** .

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1. **Step 6 : (Optional) If you only want to delete the Windows.old folder to free up space, delete the option selected by default.**

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## Epilogue

Although the above instructions allow you to safely **delete the windows old folder , if you delete it, it will be impossible to restore to the previous version of the Windows.old.10 folder.** Therefore, make sure you really want to **delete windows.old** .

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