

# What to do with leftover Lightning cables after switching to USB-C?

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## Keep a few spare cables for older Apple devices

### Some devices still require a Lightning cable



Just keep three Lightning cables around. The Magic Keyboard and Magic Mouse technically need them, though you may rarely need them if you switch to something else like Logitech. Also, if you still have an iPod, dedicate one cable to it. Keep those three cables in a drawer where you can easily access them when you need them.

Even if you're pretty much done with your Lightning devices, it still makes sense to keep a few cables around for your old ones. It's much better than having to dig around and find a new one later. Even if you don't use them every day, it's worth having a cable on hand when you need one.

## **Turn your car into a mobile charging station**

### **One cable per car can solve many problems**



Install a Lightning cable in your car. This is a smart move. Passengers need them more than you think. Many people haven't upgraded to the iPhone 14 yet, and they're often relieved to be able to plug in and charge in the car.

Keep them in your dashboard. When someone asks, "Can I borrow your charger?" when their phone is down to 1%, the problem will be solved quickly. People will thank you.

### **Give the cable to someone who needs it**



Give away Lightning cables to anyone who needs them. Family members with older iPhones can keep an extra on their nightstand for easy access. Friends who need a quick charger can use it right away.

It's become a running joke with people you know: "Need a Lightning cable? I have one." Most people will be grateful. No one complains about having too many places to charge their phone. We've all been there when our battery is low and we can't find a cable. Why not help solve that problem for someone else?

This is better than leaving them in a drawer until someone else needs them. It's great to be able to help people.

## Adapt some cables for other devices

### Cable adapters will extend their usefulness



You can still use multiple Lightning cables with a universal cable adapter. Pair your Lightning cables with the adapters to create a modular charging system. Plug your Lightning cable into a power outlet, then attach any adapters you need.

This setup helps reduce cable clutter while giving old cables a new purpose.

## Lightning cables don't have to become e-waste

Finding a home for your old Lightning cables is easier than you think. The transition to USB-C is complete, but the legacy of Lightning lives on in your car, your drawer, your friend's house, and your apartment. It's nice to know that these cables are still useful, rather than sitting in a landfill.

Having trouble with cables after upgrading? Try the above. Keep what you actually use and donate what you don't. Just because you've switched to a different cable doesn't mean your old one has to go in the trash.

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