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Back for the Season? Your Snowbird Tech Checklist

Back in Naples, Marco Island, Bonita Springs, Estero or Fort Myers for the season? After months away, your computers, Wi-Fi and smart home need a little attention. This checklist covers powering up in the right order, router and device updates (Windows 11 and iPhone shown step by step), backups, smart home devices, account security, printers and batteries.

Welcome back: **your tech checklist**

- ☐ Power up in order
Modem, router, then the rest
- ☐ Months of updates
Windows, Mac, phones & tablets
- ☐ Backups running?
Make sure they picked up again
- ☐ Smart home back online
Cameras, thermostat, sensors
- ☐ Check your accounts
Anything odd while you were away?
- ☐ Ink & batteries
Printers, UPS, smoke detectors

Step 1: power up **in the right order**

- ☐ Modem first
Wait for the Online light, usually a couple of minutes
- ☐ Then the router
Wait until the Wi-Fi comes up
- ☐ Then everything else
Computers, printers, TVs, smart devices

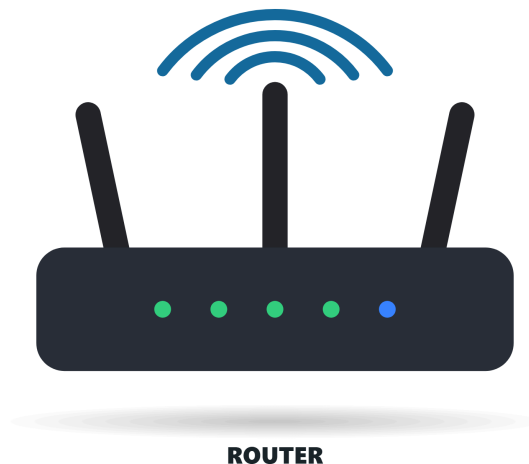
Your welcome-back checklist

2 Reboot and update your router

Already plugged in all summer? Restart your modem and router anyway. Then open your router's app or settings page and install any firmware updates.

WHAT TO DO

Can't get online? Call your internet provider's outage line first. Then call us.



ROUTER

Firmware updates fix **security holes**

WINDOWS 11

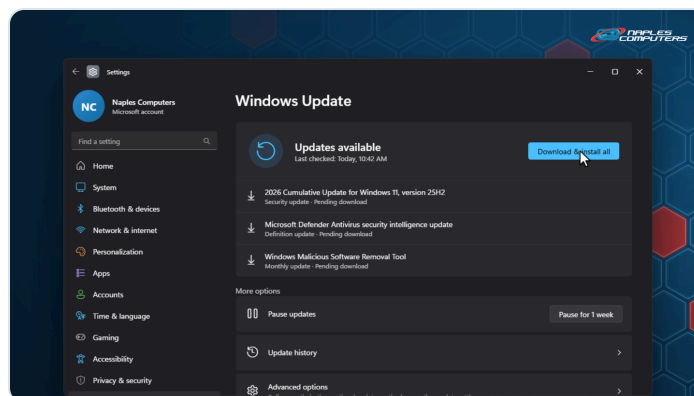
Windows 11: Settings →

3 Windows Update → Check for updates

After months away there may be several updates waiting. Click Download & install all.

WHAT TO DO

Restart when it asks, then check again: sometimes it takes more than one round.



IPHONE & IPAD

4 iPhone and iPad: Settings → General → Software Update

Tap Update Now. Keep it plugged in and on Wi-Fi while it installs.

WHAT TO DO

Then update your apps in the App Store, too.



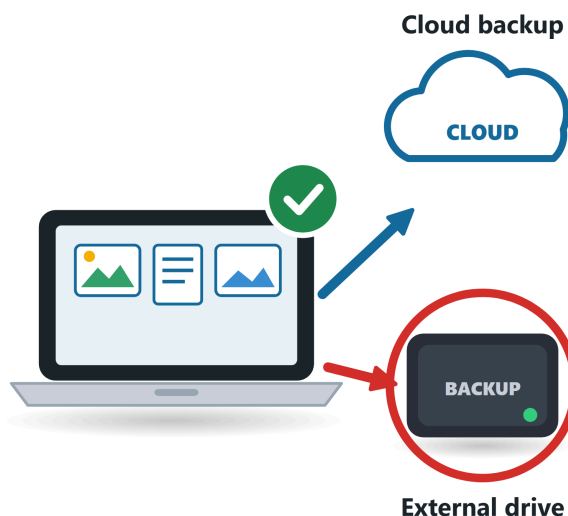
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Make sure your backups picked up again

Look for a recent date: the OneDrive icon, Time Machine's "Latest backup", Carbonite, or iCloud Backup's "Last successful backup".

WHAT TO DO

External backup drive? Plug it back in and run a backup today.



Look for today's date

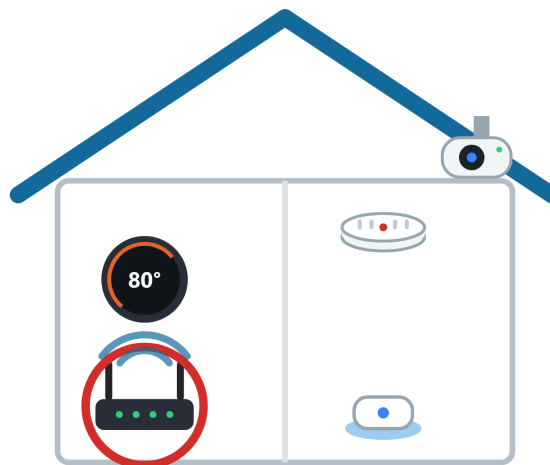
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Get your smart home back online

Open each app: cameras, doorbell, thermostat and water sensors should all show Online. Update their firmware and check that camera recording plans are still active.

WHAT TO DO

Changed your Wi-Fi or router? Devices need to be reconnected to the new network.



Cameras, thermostat & sensors: **Online?**

QUICK TIP

+ **Forgot your Wi-Fi password?**

Grandkids visiting? Check the sticker on your router, or let a computer that's already connected show you the saved password.

WHAT TO DO

Watch our video "How to Find Your Wi-Fi Password" on our YouTube channel.



Wi-Fi Router · Model AX3000



Network Name (SSID)

NC-Office

Wi-Fi Password (WPA Key)

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Look for **Wi-Fi Password** or **WPA Key**

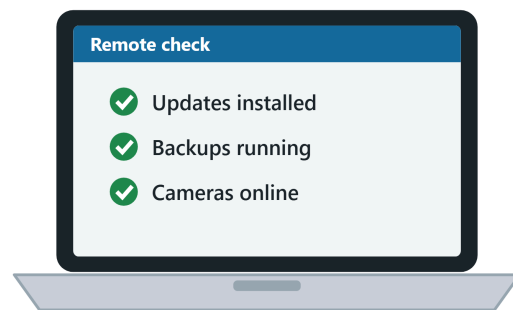
WE CAN HELP

+ **Book a season-opening tune-up**

We'll install updates, check backups and security, and make sure your Wi-Fi, printer and smart home are working.

WHAT TO DO

In our shop, at your home, or remotely. Call 239-513-1960.



Updates · Backups · Security · Wi-Fi

Don't forget your other devices

- ☐ Mac
Apple menu → System Settings → General → Software Update
- ☐ Android phones & tablets
Settings → Software update (or System → System update)

☐ Smart TVs & streaming boxes
Check Settings → System or Support for updates

☐ Antivirus / security software
Make sure it's still active and up to date

Step 7: check your accounts for anything odd

- ☐ Review bank & card statements
Look for charges you don't recognize
- ☐ Check email for sign-in alerts
And for forwarding rules you didn't set up
- ☐ Change important passwords
Especially any you used on hotel or public Wi-Fi
- ☐ Turn on two-factor sign-in
A code on your phone stops most account takeovers

Step 8: ink & batteries

- ☐ Printer ink dried out?
Run the printer's head-cleaning, or replace the cartridges
- ☐ UPS beeping?
Battery backups usually need a new battery every 3 to 5 years
- ☐ Fresh batteries
Smoke detectors, cameras, sensors and remotes

Recap: welcome back!

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| ☐ Modem, then router, then the rest | ☐ Confirm backups are running |
| ☐ Reboot & update the router | ☐ Smart home back online |
| ☐ Catch up on all device updates | ☐ Check accounts, change passwords |

Leaving again in the spring? Watch our companion video, Leaving for the Summer? Your Snowbird Tech Checklist. And if you'd rather not do any of this yourself, book a season-opening tune-up: in our shop, at your home, or remotely.



Want us to get your home tech ready for the season?

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