

What can we do with our Old Cell Phones?

If we want to keep it, what it will do depends upon the age, make, and model of the phone. So being able to know what others are doing with their phones can help us. This handout concentrates on the what these phones are useful for in general. How to use these old phones in a particular way might require us to google (search) questions about our phone or to pull up a you-tube video to watch. Also, the manual that came with the phone or the phone company's customer service person (LG, Motorola, Apple, etc.) can be consulted if necessary.

NOTE: You will still have Wi-Fi; and can do many things with it. AND there are ways to set up the old phone with calling and texting ability. Example:

<https://www.techbout.com/use-android-phone-without-sim-card-1113/>

The link below explains the first 6 of the many uses on our list:

https://electronics.howstuffworks.com/6-creative-uses-for-old-smartphone.htm?utm_source=email&utm_medium=share&utm_campaign=hsw_share

1. Backup..... 2. Car Stereo/GPS Device for navigation or car locator..... 3. Baby Monitor/Security Camera (Dormi App.)..... 4. DIY Videos..... 5. Digital Photo Frames/ Photo Albums..... 6. Donation/ Soldiers/ Family Members.

Sixteen more that might interest you:

7. Home security with Skype, etc..... 8. Emergencies (911), also Flashlight..... 9. Universal TV Remote (with Apple TV)..... 10. VR headset/gadget..... 11. Camera (for kids?).....12. Music Player/Movies/ podcasts/ i-tunes..... 13. e-reader/portable library..... 14. Alarm clock/sleep tracker/ timer & stop watch..... 15. Pedometer app and fitness apps..... 16. Weather apps.....17. Calculator and dictionary..... 18. Compass..... 19. Contact list..... 20. Calendar and Notes..... 21. Games..... 22. E-mail.....23. Apps store.

If you want to get rid of your phone (recycle).

There are companies that can take care of everything for you. Example:

bigskyrecycling.com

Or you can clean your information off of your phone yourself; and then turn it over to a buyer (eBay), (Craig's List), a charity, or a recycling site.

Example:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=How+to+remove+personal+information+from+old+cell+phone>

Note: Removing your SIM card does NOT wipe out your private information!

“Now That’s Cool”

Recycling your old phone or tablet has never been easier, Major device makers like Apple will recycle your phone for free and may even give you store credit for a trade in. And most phone carriers like T-Mobile, AT&T, and Sprint let you drop off old phones at their stores.