

CREATE A RECOVERY DRIVE FOR WINDOWS 11

While Windows comes with various recovery tools, it's possible that the disk on which you installed the OS could experience a problem, making the built-in tools unavailable. So you may want to create a **USB-based recovery drive**, which can be used to boot your PC and fix problems.

The easiest way to find this tool is:

1. Open the Start menu and type *recovery drive*.
2. In the wizard that appears, be sure to leave the option “Back up system files to the recovery drive” selected.

Should you make a recovery drive?

Not necessarily: your PC has the recovery tools built in, and if you have Windows 11 installation media, that can be used like a recovery drive. And you can always make installation media if you have another Windows 11 PC.

But if you only have one PC and/or just want to be sure you can recover a problematic Windows 11 PC, a recovery drive is your best bet.