

REMOVE UNWANTED APPS

Some apps can be uninstalled easily; by “apps” I mean nagware like “Get Office,” “Get Skype,” and even the “Get Started” tutorial. “Phone Companion,” Microsoft Solitaire Collection, Money, News, and Sports are uninstalleable apps, too. So are most bloatware apps installed by your computer’s maker. Just right-click on the app in the “All Apps” view of the Start menu, then select “uninstall” from the dropdown menu.

Turn it Off...

Some Microsoft apps cannot be uninstalled this way. Fortunately, these stubborn apps can be removed with Powershell, a scripting utility built into Windows 10. Launch Powershell by typing “powershell” in the Start menu search box, right-click on the Powershell item that appears at the top of Start, and click “run as administrator” on the dropdown menu. Then copy and paste one or more of the following command lines (shown in bold below) into Powershell’s command-line window and press Enter.

3D Builder: **Get-AppxPackage *3dbuilder* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Alarms and Clock: **Get-AppxPackage *windowsalarms* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Calculator: **Get-AppxPackage *windowscalculator* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Calendar and Mail: **Get-AppxPackage *windowscommunicationsapps* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Camera: **Get-AppxPackage *windowcamera* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Bing Weather: **Get-AppxPackage *bing* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Voice Recorder: **Get-AppxPackage *soundrecorder* | Remove-AppxPackage**
Xbox: **Get-AppxPackage *xboxapp* | Remove-AppxPackage**