



Reduce your picture and video clutter - convert to digital

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How many of us have collections of still photos and video in multiple formats, from hard-copy prints and slides to Super-8 and VHS video?

As we acquire each new technology to capture personal and family memories, we're left with albums and boxes and piles of images in the older formats.

To get rid of picture and video clutter, and to enjoy all of those older memories again, convert from old analog formats to new digital ones:

- Save yourself time and money by selecting only those images and videos that you want to preserve. Don't start converting until you've taken the time to review and sort what you have and decide what to keep and what to discard. See the Get Organized "[Organize Your Pix](#)" article for a step-by-step process.
- Then, decide whether you want to convert your "keepers" as a do-it-yourself project or invest in a professional service to make the conversions for you.

Do It Yourself

For do-it-yourselfers, start with this article from [Digital Trends](#) to find the equipment you'll need, then watch the video from [Howcast](#) for a step-by-step conversion process.

A do-it-yourself approach requires an initial investment of both time and money. However, your investment will pay for itself as you reduce clutter and consolidate your "keepers" into one digital format.

Use a Service

There are many services available that can convert your analog photos and videos for a fee. Some even provide storage "in the cloud" so that you don't have to use local disk space on your computer's hard drive or back-up drive - or risk losing your files if your computer crashes.

One example of such an integrated online resource is [YesVideo](#). You can start by taming your ever-growing heaps of old VHS tapes, slides, film and photos by transferring to DVDs with [YesVideo](#), then digitally archive and protect home movies with [MemorySafe](#), a private screening room that future-proofs your memories.

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Whether you do it yourself or choose a fee-for-service online resource, take time to sort through your old analog photos and movies, converting them to a format that you can enjoy with your family for years to come.

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