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# Increase your laptop's battery life [1]

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Do you charge your battery too often or find your battery drains quickly? **Here's how you can ensure a healthier battery:**

- Lithium-ion and polymer batteries **despise heat**. Don't leave your laptop in the car on a sunny day, and don't block the vents on your laptop (pillows on the lap, etc.). Don't charge devices in sunlight or near a heat source.
- Store your device in a **cool and dry place** if it is not going to be used for a long time.
- Use the **charger that comes with the device**. If it's defective, contact the UIS Service Desk [3] to obtain the correct make and model. Purchasing a charger on the web is costly and may not be high quality.
- Replace used batteries. If you see that your battery drains quickly, contact the UIS Service Desk [3] to ensure we have a replacement battery on hand. We will make an appointment for you to bring the laptop into 1800 Grant to swap out batteries. The Service Desk will strive to make this as convenient as possible, and it also reduces the risk of safety problems.
- Don't leave your device **plugged in all the time**. Although the battery will stop charging once it is fully charged, you are advised to disconnect your device from time to time and run it on the battery so that it can perform its function.

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