

What to look for in a new PC

New

Buy new, not refurbished.

Brands we like:

HP
Lenovo
Asus
Dell desktops
Higher end Dell laptops

Processor:

12th Generation or newer Intel i5

If you are a gamer, audio or video editor, use Autocad or graphic design software, you will need a 12th generation or newer Intel i7 processor.

You will also want to look for more RAM and a dedicated graphics card. Most software programs have recommended computer specs that can help you too.

Avoid AMD, Intel Celeron or Intel Pentium processors. Computers with any of these will be less expensive, but slower and underpowered for the average user.

RAM:

8GB or more

Storage:

256GB or larger Solid State Drive

BE CAREFUL! Solid state drives are smaller than a traditional hard drive. Make sure the SSD that comes in the computer will fit all of your data. If you have a lot of pictures or music, you will likely need a larger size.

Avoid traditional hard drives. Yes they allow more storage space, but are much slower.

Operating System:

Windows 11 or Windows 10 with the compatibility to update.