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Lithium-ion batteries wear out over time, which can result in a battery not holding a charge for as long as it did when it was new. Keeping the battery charged to 100% all the time can cause it to deteriorate faster. To help with this problem, some device manufacturers turn on Smart charging in Windows 11. With Smart charging, you don't need to worry about unplugging your device to keep it from staying charged to 100% for longer periods of time--Smart charging handles charging for you.

If your device has Smart charging turned on, the battery level will be set to a lower level that's better for the battery overall. Your device may not charge to 100%, which helps keep your battery healthier in the long run.

When Smart charging is on, you'll see a heart on the Battery icon in the following places--on the right side of the taskbar and in Power & battery settings. When you hover over the Battery icon with your mouse, it says Fully Smart charged and means the battery isn't charging even though your device is still plugged in. In this case, the battery level may be lower than 100%. This is intentional and helps protect your battery.

Every device manufacturer implements Smart charging in a slightly different way that's optimized for their specific device. For more detailed info about how Smart charging works on your device, visit the device manufacturer's website.

If your device has Smart charging turned on, you should keep it on if you don't think you'll need to have your battery fully charged soon. For example, if you'll be sitting at your desk with your device plugged in.

Turning off smart charging in Windows 11 can be a walk in the park if you know where to look. It's a feature that's designed to prolong the life of your laptop's battery by controlling how it charges. But if you want to disable it, just follow these quick steps and you'll have it done in no time.

Before we dive into the steps, it's crucial to understand that turning off smart charging will allow your laptop's battery to charge fully every time you plug it in. This might reduce the overall lifespan of your battery, but it could be necessary if you require a full charge for a long day ahead.

Once you complete these steps, your laptop will charge normally, without the smart charging feature controlling the process. This means you'll be able to reach a full charge whenever you need it, without the feature kicking in to preserve your battery's lifespan.

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