

What To Do With an Old Phone or Tablet When You Get A New One

Resell or recycle – eBay, Craigslist or Gazelle

- First – Do a factory reset to remove all data, like reformatting a hard drive
- On Android go to settings, then backup and reset
- New phone, usually transfer phone number from previous phone
- Now old phone is equivalent of a WiFi only tablet

Now you can use it for any of the following

- *You can use it around the house as a music player, either music streamed from Pandora or Spotify Or load it up with your own music mp3 files, with a small Bluetooth speaker you can carry it from room to room as your work*
- *Give it to a young child, maybe too young for their own cell phone. They can use it as their first camera. Install appropriate games for them to play. Maybe install some fun apps such as a flashlight or magnifying glass*
- *Use it as a digital photo frame, transfer your favorite photos from your computer that you love to share with family and friends. Scan 'old' photos, transfer to device and give to an elderly person in a nursing home for them to enjoy*
- *Use as a video phone with Skype or other calling apps. Another item that could be given to young children or elderly that cannot have a cell phone*
- *Cell phones are required to make emergency calls without a calling plan, so you could leave the old phone in a vehicle (in case you forgot your current phone). Turn it off to save the battery and store it with it's charging cable*
- *Any other single purpose you can think of – A dedicated eReader, TV remote control, cookbook or dashcam.*
- *Remember your old phone will work with your home WiFi and do everything it use to do except make phone calls.*