

How to Reduce the Size of Photos

Many sites limit the size of pictures to keep bandwidth speeds moving efficiently. Large image files also account for a large part of the overall storage space on a hard drive. How you change the size of a picture from a large picture to a smaller size depends on device and operating system.

From Phones and Other Mobile Devices

The smartphone is the most common device that pictures are captured on, but large photos take a lot of storage space. A way to change the file size is to download a third-party application or moving the file to your computer.

One quick way to change the file size with an iPhone is to email photo to a person or yourself at another email account. The email program asks you whether you want to send the photo as a small, medium or large file. Selecting the small or medium file reduces the file size.

Keep in mind that this isn't going to preserve resolution.

Third-party applications shrink the overall size of photos while they are still on the phone so you don't need to email or download them. For iPhones, the **Shrink My Pictures** app is one of several apps in the App Store. Once downloaded, launch the app, which instructs you to add photos. This opens the entire Photos library. Choose photo or photos you want to reduce file size on and select Done. The Options tab contains compression adjustments to keep quality as high as possible. Note that compressing an image reduces its quality.

The **Photo Compress** app available at Google Play does the same thing for Android users. Download the app and launch it. Select the photos to compress and adjust the size by choosing Resize Image. Be sure to keep the aspect ratio on so the resizing doesn't distort the height or width of the photo.

Change the Size of a Picture on a Mac

Open image in Preview, which ships on all Macs. Select Tools and then Adjust Size. A pop-up window opens with fields where you can enter a new image height or width. Check the box to scale proportionally to avoid distorting the resized image. By deselecting Resample Image before you adjust the size, details are preserved, but the file is larger. Save the file as a new name to preserve the original image.

Change the Size of a Picture in Windows

How to reduce JPEG file size on Windows 11.

1. Open JPEG file with a double click or Right-click file > Open With > Photos.
2. Click the three dots in top right corner and select Resize.
3. Choose recommended settings or Define custom dimensions to resize JPEG file manually.

How to reduce JPEG file size on Windows 10, 8 or 7 with Paint.

1. Open image in Windows Paint. On bottom of Paint window, the current dimensions of image are displayed,
2. Choose Home tab
3. Find and choose Resize and Skew button. The button is right next to select button on top left side.
4. A pop-up dialog box will open where you can enter several values. First, enter a new horizontal or vertical value. Remember to leave the "Maintain Aspect Ratio" button selected.
5. Click OK
6. On bottom of main Paint window, you will see new resized dimensions of image
7. Save resized JPEG image.