

How to disable Windows Update on Windows 11

I do not know why you would want to disable Windows Update, and it is highly recommended not to. However, there are instances where the latest updates do break the drivers for legacy hardware. An example would be old graphic card drivers that are no longer supported in the latest updates. Hence, disrupting the display resolution.

Do note that network connectivity for Windows Store and Microsoft 365 Apps will not work when this outbound rule is enabled. To install or update apps on Windows Store, simply disable the rule and enable it again when done. Microsoft 365 Apps will still work but it will not be able to sync your documents to OneDrive natively.

1. Click on Start, type Firewall and select Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security
2. Right-click on Outbound Rules and select New Rule
3. Select Custom > Next > This program path: %SystemRoot%\System32\svchost.exe > next
4. Are you sure? Yes > Protocol type: TCP > Next > Next > Next > Next > Name: Window Update > Finish
5. To check if Windows Update is blocked, run Windows Update and you should get an error message like the one below.

