Mac: Change Hard Drive Sleep Time



This step-by-step tutorial will show you how to adjust when the hard drive goes to sleep on a Mac. If your hard drive goes to sleep while you are connected to the server, you get disconnected from the server, increasing the chances of losing work.

Select the battery icon from the menu bar at the top of your screen. From the menu that opens select Open Energy Saver Preferences.



In the window that opens you will see a sliding bar that indicates when the computer will go to sleep. Slide it to some time between 1 hour and Never. It is not necessary for the computer to go to sleep. A message window will open with a warning about computer energy use. Click OK.

	Energy Saver	Q Search	
	Battery Power Adapter		
Computer sleep:	15 min	1 hr 3 hrs Never	Note: The server will
Display sleep:	15 min	1 hr 3 hrs Never	display goes to sleep. You are welcome to set this to whenever
🗹 Put hard disks to sleep when	n possible		you like.
✓ Wake for network access	Your settin	computer may use more ener igs.	gy with these
	To use	less energy, click Restore Defaults.	
Battery is charged.	Res	store Defaults Car	ncel ОК
Show battery status in menu bar			

Uncheck the Put hard disks to sleep when possible option.



Next select the Battery tab at the top of the window. Again, change the computer sleep time and uncheck the Put hard disks to sleep when possible option. Exit out when ready.

	Energy Saver	Q Search		
Battery Power Adapter				
Computer sleep:	15 min 1 hr	3 hrs Never		
Display sleep: 1 min Put hard disks to sleep with a sle	15 min 1 hr	3 hrs Never		
		Desters Defaults		
Battery is charged.		Restore Defaults		
✓ Show battery status in menu	bar	Schedule ?		

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