

If you own an older iPhone (even the X) there's something you should do right away. The batteries of a 6 all the way to an X should be better than they are. So Apple promised earlier this year to replace them at a huge discount. But the discount runs out at the end of the month.

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IF YOU OWN AN OLDER IPHONE, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MAY NEED TO DO BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE ALWAYS HAVING TO CHARGE THE PHONE. OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER HAS THE STORY.

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How many times do you have to charge your phone during the day? Does it constantly need to be plugged in and charging? If so, you've got a battery problem that needs to be corrected.

Apple admits the battery in the iPhone SE all the way through the X fade faster that it should. Last year Apple said it intentionally created the batteries to slow down in order to force iPhone owners to upgrade sooner. It was a huge scandal.

Take a look at how your battery is doing? Does it need replacing? There's an easy way to help make the decision. Go to Settings, then battery health. The percentage you see there is how the battery compares to when it was new. As you can see here the battery in my iPhone X is just 93% of what it was a year ago when I bought it. Another year and I'll have more trouble keeping it charged for the day.

If you're still using an iPhone 6 or 6s, a noticeable problem holding a charge.

Apple isn't giving away new batteries, but it is charging just 29-dollars for a brand new battery which is half what it normally costs.

The deal ends December 29th, after then it'll cost 50-dollars for an older phone and 70-dollars

for replacing a battery in an iPhone X.

So if you're unhappy with how fast your phone dies, this is a good time to get the battery replaced.

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TO HAVE A BATTERY REPLACED YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE THE PHONE INTO AN APPLE STORE, OR MAIL IT BACK TO APPLE. FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HAVE THE BATTERY REPLACED YOU CAN GO TO [APPLE.COM](https://support.apple.com) AND CLICK 'SUPPORT'.

#### WEB STORY

If you're having trouble with your iPhone dying before the end of the day, you should pay attention. Apple is offering to replace batteries in older iPhones for \$29.

The discounted price was offered this time last year after a scandal to which Apple acknowledged it had created batteries that would slow their capacity over the years to force iPhone owners to upgrade their device. Apple made the discount available through the end of 2018. Normally to replace a battery in an iPhone 5se, iPhone 6, 6s, 7, 7s, 8 and the larger phone of these models, costs \$49. Apple will also replace the battery of an iPhone X for the same \$29, that normally costs \$79. The iPhone does not have to be under warranty.

Beginning next year, January 1st to be exact, Apple will charge the full price of the battery exchange.

To have a battery replaced you will need to either mail the phone back to Apple or take it to an Apple Store. For full instructions visit <https://support.apple.com/iphone/repair/battery-power>

*NOTE: I incorrectly stated in the on-air story that the battery replacement offer ends December 29th. It ends on December 31st. I apologize for the error.*