

About backing up and restoring Quicken data files with a floppy disk

Backing up to floppy disks is the least reliable form of data storage, and we don't recommend that you use this method for your valuable financial data unless you have no other options.

Here are a few things you should keep in mind when working with floppy disks:

- Backing up to floppy disk will require a lot of disks.
- The first time you back up your Quicken data file to floppy disks, you should have many blank, formatted disks on hand before you begin. A set is the number of disks that you need for one backup of your Quicken data file. When Quicken runs out of room on the current floppy disk, it displays a message so that you can replace the current backup disk with the next disk in the set. You'll need the entire set of floppy disks to restore your Quicken data file.
- To reduce the possibility of data damage, it is a good idea to use a new set of floppy disks every third or fourth time you back up your Quicken data file. You should also store the floppy disks according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Normally a Quicken file has a .QDF-backup extension. However, when it spans several backup disks, it has a .QB1 extension.

Notes

[What if there is a floppy disk problem when I back up or restore my Quicken data file?](#)