

## Creating Recovery Discs

(These instructions are from User's Guide at [www.gateway.com](http://www.gateway.com). You may want to check the website of your computer's manufacture for instructions on creating Recovery Discs if a set did not come with your computer. Print out the instructions and file them together with your set of discs in a box or folder marked with the name of your computer. See below for HP.jmax)

Your computer's hard drive contains everything you need to completely restore your system, including Windows XP, device drivers, and other programs. You can also restore device drivers or programs by using *Drivers and Applications Recovery* discs, which you create. You can immediately create the recovery discs (recommended), or you can wait until later.

### Creating driver and application recovery discs

You can use driver and application recovery discs to restore device drivers or programs. You can create an unlimited number of driver and application recovery disc sets. Before you continue, make sure that your computer has a recordable drive.

#### To record a set of driver and application recovery discs:

- 1 Make sure that you have blank discs ready. Depending on the type of recordable drive your computer has, you need either several CD-R discs or one DVD-R or DVD+R disc.
- 2 Click **Start, All Programs, System Recovery**, then click **Create My Drivers-Applications CD(s)**. A message asks you if you want to "Burn ISO" (record recovery discs) or "Create ISO" (copy the files to a drive).

#### Important

If you are recording to CDs, make sure that they are CD-R and not CD-RW discs. If you are recording to a DVD, make sure that it is a DVD-R or DVD+R disc, not DVD-RW or DVD+RW discs.

- 3 Click **Burn ISO**. The *Recovery CD/DVD Creator* dialog box opens.
- 4 Click **Start Creation**. A message tells you the number of blank discs that are required for the recovery disc set. (Label and number each disc of the set using a magic marker)
- 5 Click the type of recordable disc you want to use.
- 6 Make sure you have the appropriate number and type of blank discs, then insert a blank disc into the recordable drive.
- 7 Click **OK**. The program prepares the recovery files, then records the recovery files to the blank disc(s).
- 8 If a message tells you to insert another blank disc, remove the completed disc, then insert a blank disc.
- 9 When you see the message "The Recovery ISO Image has been created successfully," remove the last disc from the drive, then click **OK**.
- 10 Store the discs in a safe place for future use. You are done.

Create System Recovery discs for HP computers using XP:

1. Close all open programs
2. Click START
3. Click All Programs

4. Click PC Help & Tools
5. Click HP PC Recovery CD-DVD Creator. The Recovery CD/DVD Creator window appears.
6. Follow the onscreen instructions. Label each disc as you make it (exp. Recovery 1, Recovery 2,etc).
7. Store these System Recovery discs in a safe place...where you can find them.

In addition to creating System Recovery discs, you should create a Recovery Tools CD:

1. Click START...All Programs...PC Help & Tools....
2. Select HP PC Recovery Tools CD. The Tools window appears.
3. Follow onscreen instructions.
4. Store with Recovery discs in a safe place....where you can find them easily.

Note: IF you do not find the above info on your computer, then go to the manufacturer's site and search for CREATING RECOVERY DISCS FOR MY PC. Or search for the manual for your particular PC at the manufacturer's web site. It will have instructions for creating Recovery disks.

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