How to Delete iCloud Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide

iCloud is Apple's cloud storage service that allows users to store and access their photos, videos, and other data from their Apple devices. Over time, your iCloud Photo Library can become cluttered with pictures and videos you no longer need or want to keep. In this guide, we'll walk you through the step-by-step process of **how to delete icloud photos** to free up space and organize your photo collection.

1. On iPhone or iPad:

To delete photos from your iCloud on your iPhone or iPad, follow these steps:

Step 1: Open the Photos app on your device.

Step 2: Tap the "Photos" tab at the bottom to view your photo library.

Step 3: Find the photo you want to delete and tap on it to open it.

Step 4: Tap the trash can icon (usually located in the lower-right corner of the screen). This will move the photo to the "Recently Deleted" album, which acts as a temporary holding place for deleted photos.

Step 5: To permanently delete the photo, go to the "Albums" tab, scroll down, and tap "Recently Deleted."

Step 6: In the "Recently Deleted" album, you'll see all the photos you've deleted in the last 30 days. To delete a photo permanently, tap on it, then tap "Delete Photo."

2. On a Mac:

To delete iCloud photos from your Mac computer, follow these steps:

Step 1: Open the Photos app on your Mac.

Step 2: Select the photo you want to delete by clicking on it.

Step 3: Press the "Delete" key on your keyboard.

Step 4: Confirm the deletion by clicking "Delete" in the pop-up dialog that appears.

Step 5: The photo will be moved to the "Recently Deleted" album, where it will stay for 30 days.

Step 6: To permanently delete the photo, open the "Recently Deleted" album on the left-hand sidebar of the Photos app. Select the photo and click "Delete."

3. Using iCloud.com:

You can also delete photos from your iCloud using the iCloud website. Here's how:

Step 1: Open a web browser and go to iCloud.com.

Step 2: Sign in with your Apple ID and password.

Step 3: Click on "Photos."

Step 4: Find and select the photo you want to delete.

Step 5: Click on the trash can icon located in the upper-right corner.

Step 6: A pop-up will ask if you want to delete the photo. Confirm by clicking "Delete."

4. Bulk Deletion:

If you want to delete multiple photos at once, you can do so on your iPhone, iPad, or Mac:

On iPhone or iPad:
Step 1: Open the Photos app and go to the "Photos" tab.
Step 2: Tap "Select" in the upper-right corner.
Step 3: Select the photos you want to delete by tapping on them.
Step 4: Tap the trash can icon.
Step 5: Confirm the deletion.

On a Mac:
Step 1: Open the Photos app and go to the "Photos" tab.
Step 2: Click "Select" in the upper-right corner.
Step 3: Select the photos you want to delete.
Step 4: Press the "Delete" key and confirm the deletion.

Note: Deleting photos from your iCloud Photo Library will also delete them from all your devices connected to the same iCloud account.

Permanently Deleting Photos from the "Recently Deleted" Album:

Photos that you delete are initially moved to the "Recently Deleted" album, where they are stored for 30 days before being permanently removed. To permanently delete photos from the "Recently Deleted" album:

On iPhone or iPad:
Step 1: Open the Photos app.

Step 2: Tap "Albums" at the bottom.
Step 3: Scroll down and select "Recently Deleted."
Step 4: Tap "Select" in the upper-right corner.
Step 5: Select the photos you want to permanently delete.
Step 6: Tap "Delete" to remove them permanently.

On a Mac:
Step 1: Open the Photos app.
Step 2: Click on the "Recently Deleted" album on the left sidebar.
Step 3: Select the photos you want to permanently delete.
Step 4: Click "Delete" and confirm the action.

Conclusion:

Managing your iCloud Photo Library by deleting unwanted or unnecessary photos is a great way to free up space and keep your digital photo collection organized. Whether you're using an iOS device, a Mac computer, or the iCloud website, these step-by-step instructions make it easy to delete photos and ensure your iCloud storage is well-maintained. Just remember that photos moved to the "Recently Deleted" album will be permanently deleted after 30 days, so be sure you want to part with them before confirming their removal.