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Use this article for help exporting data from the following platforms, and importing into Bitwarden.

- Safari (macOS and iOS)
- Passwords app (macOS)



Exporting passwords requires Safari 15.0+ or macOS Monterey (12.0)+.

## **Export from Safari or macOS**

You can export your passwords directly from Safari on your mac computer or from macOS Passwords:

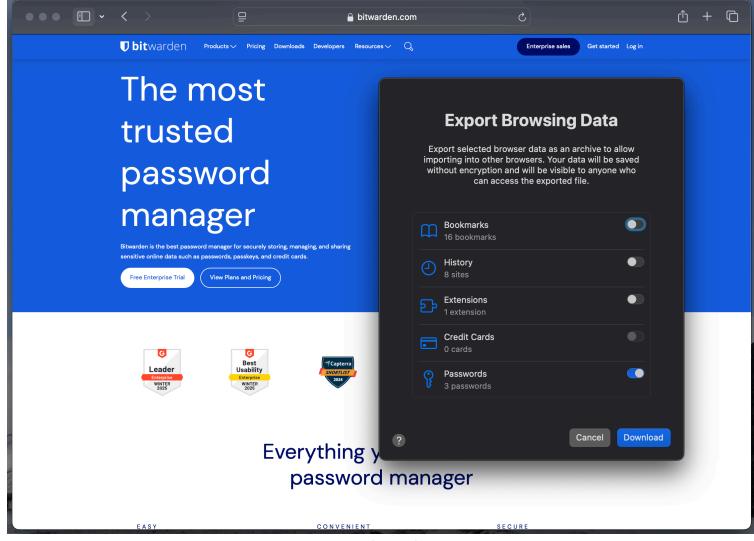
⇒Safari

## From your desktop

To export your data from Safari:

1. Select File → Export browsing data to file from the macOS menu bar, choose passwords, and select Download:





Export from Safari

2. Save your export to any location and use Touch ID or your macOS password to complete the export.

### From an iPhone

To export data from Safari:

- 1. Open the **Settings** app on your iPhone and navigate to **Apps** → **Safari**.
- 2. Scroll down to the History and Website Data section and tap Export.
- 3. Choose the **Passwords** option and tap **Save to Downloads**.

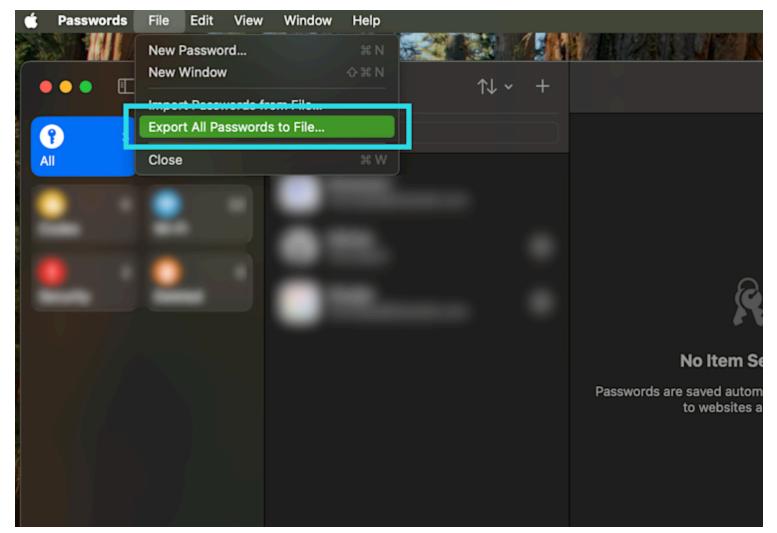
Your data will be saved without encryption into your iCloud Drive. As always, make sure you delete export files once your data is imported to Bitwarden.



## ⇒macOS Passwords app

To export data from the macOS Passwords app:

- 1. Locate and open the macOS Passwords app. You'll be prompted to use Touch ID or your password to continue.
- 2. Once your app is unlocked, select File and then Export All Passwords to File....



Export macOS Passwords

- 3. You will be prompted with a dialog confirming that you want to export saved passwords. Select Export Passwords... to continue.
- 4. Save your export to any location and use Touch ID or your password to complete the export.

## Import to Bitwarden

Data can be imported to Bitwarden from the web app, browser extension, desktop app, and CLI. Data is encrypted locally before being sent to the server for storage.



#### (i) Note

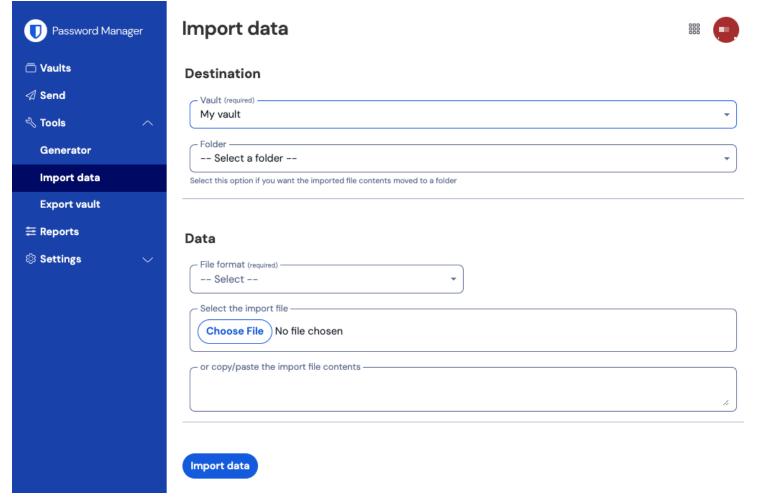
While some item types cannot be imported, you can still add them to a vault:

- Upload file attachments to the new vault individually.
- Re-create Sends in the new vault.

## ⇒Web app

To import data to your vault:

- 1. Select Tools.
- 2. Select Import data:



Import data

3. From the Vault dropdown menu, select where to save the data:



- Individual vault: Select My vault and (optional) choose a Folder to move the items.
- Organization vault: Select the organization vault's name and choose a Collection. (The Manage collection permission is required.)
- 4. From the File format dropdown menu, select the import file format.
- 5. Select **Choose File** and pick the file or copy and paste your file's contents into the text box.

#### **△** Warning

Importing does not check for duplicates. If you import the same file more than once or import items already in your vault, duplicate items will be created.

- 6. Select **Import data**. If you are importing a password protected .json file, enter the password into the **Confirm vault import** window that appears.
- 7. After your data is imported, delete the import source file from your computer. This will protect you in the event your computer is compromised.

#### ⇒Browser extension

To import data to your vault:

- 1. Select Settings.
- 2. Select Vault options.
- 3. Select Import items. A new window will appear.
- 4. From the Vault dropdown menu, select where to save the data:
  - Individual vault: Select My vault and (optional) choose a Folder to move the items.
  - Organization vault: Select the organization vault's name and choose a Collection. (You need the Manage collection permission.)
- 5. From the File format dropdown menu, select the import file format.
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- 8. After your data is imported, delete the import source file from your device. This will protect you in the event your device is compromised.

## ⇒Mobile app

In most cases, importing data on a mobile device requires that you do so in via the web app opened in a mobile browser. You can reach this location quickly from Password Manager by navigating to **Settings** → **Vault** → **Import items**.

On iOS 26, Bitwarden supports import using the Fido Credential Exchange Protocol (CXP) for direct and easy migration of credentials into your vault. The app you're importing from must also support CXP and steps will vary by application.

For example, on the iOS Passwords app, use the ... options menu to select **Export Data to Another App** and choose Bitwarden.

## ⇒Desktop app

To import data to your vault:

- 1. Select File.
- 2. Select Import data.
- 3. From the Vault dropdown menu, select where to save the data:
  - 1. Individual vault: Select My vault and (optional) choose a Folder to move the items.
  - 2. Organization vault: Select the organization vault's name and choose a Collection. (You need the can manage permission.)
- 4. From the **File format** dropdown menu, select the import file format.
- 5. Select **Choose File** and pick the file or copy and paste your file's contents into the text box.

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#### ⇒CLI

To import data to your vault, use the following CLI command:



Bash

bw import <format> <path>

bw import requires a format (use bw import --formats to retrieve a list of formats) and a path, for example:

Bash

bw import <format> /Users/myaccount/Documents/mydata.csv

After your data is imported, delete the import source file from your computer. This will protect you in the event your computer is compromised.

# **Troubleshoot import errors**

If an "Import error" message appears, no data was added to your vault. Fix the import file issue and try again.

## iCloud/Mac Keychain/Safari import issues

As of Safari 15.0, you can export passwords from Safari in a .csv file. After downloading the file, condition your .csv to match Bitwarden's format and import your data.