Laptop Life Tips: Experts Share 10 Tricks To Make Your Computer Last Longer

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Though laptop prices have gone down over time, they are still big investments and can be expensive and frustrating to replace when they die. You want your machine to live as long as it possibly can, and to that end we have asked six of the highest-rated laptop repair shops in New York City for some advice on how to easily and cheaply make your laptop live longer.

Two tips were offered by all: DO NOT drink liquids near your computer, and DO NOT rest your laptop on a pillow or a bed. Otherwise, their advice was varied and quite helpful. Below we've collected 10 of the best rules (including the No Liquids and No Bedtime Use warnings) that could keep your laptop running a little bit longer, and just maybe save you some time and dough.

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Be Careful Plugging In Your DC Jack

Unless you have an Apple laptop with its MagSafe magnetic connector, you need to be gentle when plugging in your computer. If excessive force is applied to the jack, the solder joints connecting the jack to the motherboard can crack. The points of contact can quickly overheat, further damaging the motherboard and the jack. In some cases the motherboard can even catch fire.

So don't apply too much force, don't use a cheap after-market charger (only an original charger), and if you notice that the jack is loose, bring it to a repair place ASAP. The more you use a laptop with a loose jack, the looser it becomes and the more you risk destroying both the charger and the motherboard.