

Your Mission, Should You Choose To Accept It...

...is to find and archive all of your home movies, be they videos, DVDs, Super 8s or any other kind of format. Anything that you want to keep safe for yourself and future generations. So let's get started!

You Can't Archive Them If You Can't Find Them

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Grab a pencil and paper and jot down the types of videos you want to **secure**, what format they're in (digital, standard video cassette, DVD or special format video cassette) and their current location.

Using the list you just compiled, **locate** and **gather** all of those videos set them aside for a moment.

Any Videos Lurking On Your Hard Drive?

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Do you have any home videos on your computer?

Yes? Then let's start with them. And while you're at it, grab your video camera and cell phone so you can download any videos that are still there.

- Create one new folder on your computer desktop and name it Backup Videos (dd/mm/yy) with today's date.
- Locate all of the digital home videos on your computer. Leaving all the original files where they are, copy each one into the new Backup folder.
- Instead of taking the time to choose which videos you want to keep safe and which you don't really care about, it's much easier just to copy and back them all up right now. Then some time when you have nothing better to do, you can sort through them.
- If you need more detailed instructions on copying and pasting files and folders on your computer, download our [Shortcut Sheet on Backing Up Your Data](#).

Now For The Super 8s & Videocassettes

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Now it's time to deal with your 8mm or Super 8 films and video cassettes. Take a few moments to gather them and separate them into two different piles.

In Pile 1, place any videos that you want to copy and save in a digital format.

In Pile 2, place videos that you:

- Already have in digital format and could easily recopy if the one you're holding were harmed or destroyed.
- Have numerous other copies of the video in other locations. (Check to make sure that this is actually so before you decide not to copy them)
- Simply don't care enough about to keep it disaster safe.
- Go ahead and put the videos in the second pile back where you found them.

The Best Way To Copy Videos

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The only way to archive your films and videos is to copy or transfer them into a digital format and save them to your computer or onto a DVD. There are a few great ways to do this yourself or you can have a professional do it. If your movies are on videocassette, there are a few companies like Toshiba and Panasonic that make VHS/DVD VCRs that let you copy your old VHS tapes directly onto a DVD.

What About My Super 8 Movies?

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If you have reels of 8mm & Super 8 films lying around, you'll need to have them transferred to digital format professionally.

There's a wonderful company called [iMemories](#) that helped us digitize our movies. They'll even send you a safe ship kit equipped with a GPS locator to pinpoint your movies' exact location, every step of the way. And they do an incredible job of transferring film, videotapes, audio files and photos. The best part is that once they're completed, you can share them with your friends and relatives in your own private online theater.

Once All Your Old Home Movies Are Digital...

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...make sure that you back them up to your computer hard drive, then place a copy of the back up folder on portable hard drives or flash drives and place them in at least three other locations.

For example a safe deposit box in your city and in the city to which you would be evacuating. Or you could place one at a relative's home or in a safe at the office.

That Backup Plan of yours is coming along nicely. Here are a few other resources you're gonna love...

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Finding Buried Treasure

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You know when you're watching a video and you see that perfect moment? Your kid finally hangs ten perfectly on her skateboard or you nail that dive with a 10.0 rip right into the water. What if you could capture that moment in an extraordinary still photo, right from the video?

Better still, what if you could turn a moment that you only had on video or in a home movie, into a photograph? Now you can. With an amazing app called Perfect Pic, you can turn any frame of any video into a crystal clear photo.

We used it to create still photos out of moments that had been long buried on 8mm film. For more information and a quick tutorial on how to get great results using it, [check out our blog post](#).

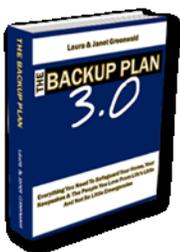
What's Next?

Well now that you're done Archiving Your Home Movies and Videos, here are More Amazing Things You Can Do In 5 Minutes Or Less

[Create Your Family's Evacuation Plan](#)
[Download and Back Up Your Digital Photos](#)
[Keep Your Medical History At Your Fingertips](#)
[Save Your Albums & Cassettes As MP3s](#)
[Earthquake Proof Your Bedroom](#)
[Fill Out Your Kid's Emergency Contact Card](#)

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