

USING APPLE WALLET



One of the most underrated and under-appreciated applications within the Apple ecosystem is undoubtedly the Wallet app. Consider the following: what other application do we always anticipate functioning flawlessly? We depend on it to facilitate purchases, store our boarding passes, safeguard sensitive financial information, and even unlock our vehicles with complete precision and reliability. These are merely a few of the numerous instances demonstrating the immense potential of the Wallet app when utilized effectively.

SMARTER BOARDING PASSES

iOS 26 introduces several enhancements to the Wallet application. Notably, it enables smarter boarding passes, providing real-time gate changes, flight status updates, airport maps, and luggage tracking via Find My. Additionally, users can share live flight activity with friends or family, ensuring they are informed of their arrival. Furthermore, iOS 26 introduces a new CarPlay experience, which includes live activities. This feature allows users to live track their destination directly from their car, facilitating seamless transportation arrangements.

ACCESS CARD NUMBERS ON THE WALLET APP

Another excellent quality-of-life feature coming to iOS 26 is the ability to safely store your actual credit numbers in the Wallet app. When you loaded up a new credit card into your Wallet app, you would need to input the credit card number, but that number would not be saved or accessible to you. I

cannot tell you the number of times I needed the credit card information of a card to pay for someone online, and I didn't have the card on me. Having that number accessible in the Wallet app would have been a game-changer, and it's finally here!

Here is how to do it:

- Open Wallet and tap the card.
- Tap the three dots (...) in the corner and tap card details
- Select Card Information → authenticate with Face ID.
- Tap Add Physical Card Information

REORDER CARDS AND SET THE DEFAULT CARD

People always ask me how they can reorder their cards in the Apple Wallet. This works for your cards and all your loyalty cards, and other digital cards you have installed. You just long-press on the card you want to move and drag it to where you want it to be. One thing to note is that the card on the bottom, the most visible card, will be your default card. So, if you move a card from the middle all the way to the bottom, and you can see the entire card, that will be your default form of payment.

The Apple Wallet has gotten so much better; you can even store your US Passport there, as well as many loyalty cards and membership passes, even parking and tickets for sports games and concerts! Try these tips and your Apple Wallet will become one of your most-used apps!



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