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### Answer

**Review your stored data** and delete old files you no longer need. Don't forget to review your email attachments folder and delete attachments you no longer need and are not otherwise obligated to preserve. If you do this preparatory work, the scan should produce far fewer results and be easier for you to process.

It is important to **perform a back-up** of your computer prior to scanning. The scan itself won't do anything to your data. However if you accidentally remove or shred a file as you process the results of the scan, the only way to retrieve them will be through the [CrashPlan/Code42](#) or another backup system.

### See Also

- [Spirion Landing Page](#)



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