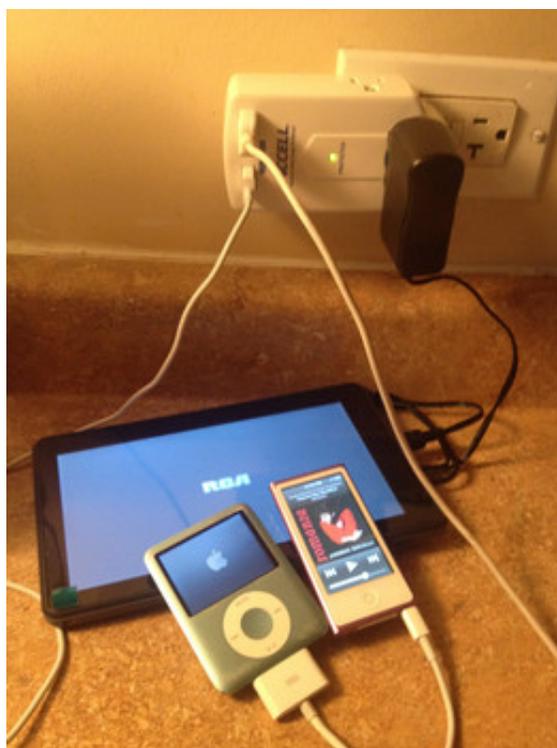


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New ways to power your electronics - home or on the road

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Baby boomers may have come a day late to the technology-crazed world, but we're definitely not a dollar short. Most of us jumped in with both feet and now can't imagine living life without our phones, Kindles, iPads, and so on.

But keeping all that stuff charged and at the ready can be a challenge. Below are a few ideas for doing that with less aggravation.

Accell is an electronics accessory company that's recently put on the market some new options for charging up your devices. They sent a couple of these for review, and it's clear they offer the advantage of universal connections. One features on-the-go USB charging ports and

the other features surge protection and 3-prong plug-ins plus two USB ports. All you need is your device and its associated USB charging cord.

- 1 The slimline elongated-square-prism-shaped **Tech Power 2-in-1 Power Bank** is an all-in-one USB charger that can charge itself at the same time it charges a device--or pull it apart to charge two USB devices at the same time. It's handy and clean-lined and looks smart when you pull it out to use while you work, surf or game. Charge it before you go out, bring your device USB charger cords and you're set for working or playing day into night.
- 2 Tired of having to unplug one device from your USB outlet to charge a different device? Enter the **Home Or Away Power Station 3-outlet travel surge protector**. It has three grounded plugs for all your electrical devices and two USB connections to charge multiple devices at the same time.

This item requires you to plug into a wall socket, but it's nice to see three of your electronics charging at the same time. It's a power strip that doesn't take up so much room and even plugs neatly into a wall.

A green LED light tells you your surge protection is active. The power plug folds into the unit so it takes up less room in your bag or drawer. This item feels very well made and has impact resistant housing. It'll make you feel confident you've got reliable and surge-protected power at your command.

At \$19.99 each, either of these two power sources would make a cool and affordable gift for the computer/electronics-addicted folks on your holiday shopping list. Check out the rest of **Accell's extensive collections of electronics accessories online**.

Meanwhile, if you crave clean lines and a **cordless charging option, ThingCharger** is the answer. New on the market, this device from P3 International Corporation plugs into and takes up both sides of a double wall outlet and lets you charge any device without using a cord and still use your electrical outlets. It has a selection of built-in interchangeable tips that will work with any device sold today. That includes microUSB Apple, Android and even old Apple 30-pin connectors, plus a tip that uses the newest charging protocol soon to come from major brands, the USB-C.

Tips are also adjustable in height so you can charge your device even in its case. You touch a smiley button to adjust or remove a tip, all of which are stored in the back of the ThingCharger itself. And at the bottom of the ThingCharger you get two regular USB ports in case you need

or want to plug in that way. So you charge one device with the tip, but you can plug up to two additional ThingChargers into each other (3 max) to charge three separate devices at the same time on top and could also theoretically plug in, then, to six separate USB ports. Priced at \$39.95 each.

BEWARE: Get the *ThingCharger* from their website only. They explained that Amazon carries it, but it's from some unauthorized seller(s) who are charging up to \$99.99 for the same device.



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