

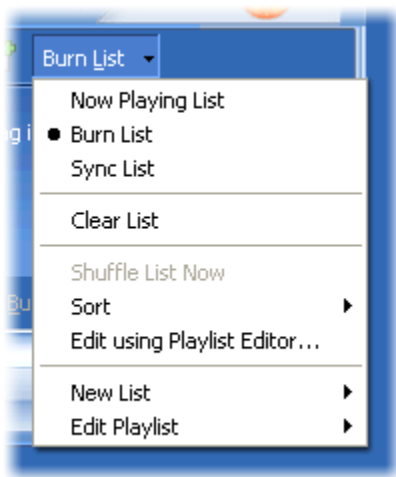
# How to Burn CDs with Windows Media Player

You can use Windows Media Player 10 to burn any mix of songs you want from your library to an audio CD. Once you've burned a CD, you can play it in any standard CD player. Burning mix CDs makes it easy to listen to only the songs you want. Before you begin, you need the following:

- A Windows XP-compatible CD recorder. This can also be called a CD burner, compact disc-recordable (CD-R) drive, or compact disc-rewritable (CD-RW) drive. See the **Windows Hardware and Driver Central Web page** for a list of drives that are designed for use with Windows XP.
- A blank CD-R or CD-RW disc. For maximum compatibility with home, car, and portable CD players, a CD-R disc is recommended.
- Songs in your library. For more information about adding songs to your library, see the **Organize Your Digital Media Collection Web page**.

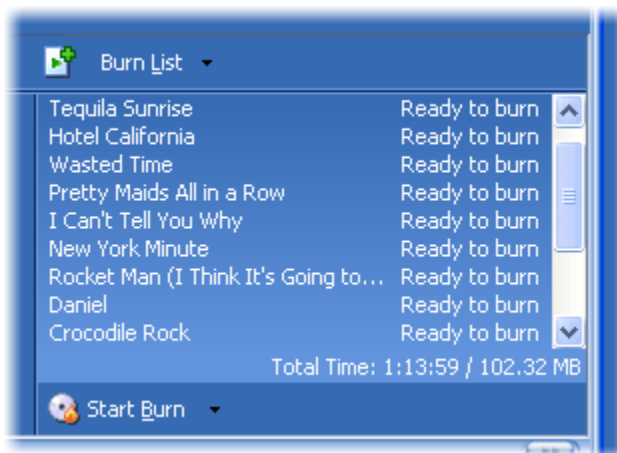
## To burn an audio CD

1. In Windows Media Player, click **Library** and then, in the List pane, click **<List Name> List**, and then click **Burn List**, as shown in the following screen shot.



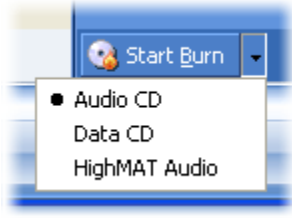
If you need to clear the list before beginning, click **Burn List**, and then click **Clear List**.

2. Drag a folder from the Contents pane or songs from the Details pane to the List pane to create a list of songs to burn.
3. In the burn list, drag songs up or down to arrange them in the order you want them to appear on the CD.
4. Insert a blank CD-R or CD-RW disc in the CD drive.
5. In the List pane, verify that the songs you have selected to burn will all fit on the disc. If necessary, remove songs from the list by right-clicking a song and then clicking **Remove from List**, as shown in the following screen shot.



It is possible that a song will not fit even if the total time exactly matches the CD length, because the Player inserts two seconds between songs when burning.

6. Click the **Start Burn** arrow and verify that **Audio CD** is selected, as shown in the following screen shot.



7. Click **Start Burn**.

As the CD is burned, you can check its progress in the burn list. Burning a CD will take some time.

**Notes** It is recommended that you do not try to perform any other actions while burning a CD. For example, playback may be affected if you try to play a music CD while burning a CD.

You cannot burn additional files to a CD after burning is completed. If you are using a CD-RW, you can erase the entire CD before using the Player to burn files to the CD again.