

On most Android phones, go to *Settings > Backup & reset > Factory data reset* and then tap *Reset phone* or *Reset device*. On a Samsung Galaxy go to *Settings > General Management > Reset > Factory data reset* and then tap *Reset device*.

The image displays three sequential screenshots of an Android phone's settings menu, illustrating the steps to reach the factory data reset option. The first screenshot shows the 'SETTINGS' menu with 'General management' highlighted by a red arrow. The second screenshot shows the 'RESET' menu with 'Factory data reset' highlighted by a red arrow. The third screenshot shows the 'FACTORY DATA RESET' screen with a list of data to be erased, including Google account, system and app data, device settings, downloaded apps, music, pictures, and all other user data. A red arrow points to the 'FACTORY DATA RESET' header. A green checkmark icon is located at the bottom right of the image.

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- RESET**
- Reset settings
- Reset network settings
- Factory data reset**

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All data will be erased from your device storage, including your:

- Google account
- System and app data
- Device settings
- Downloaded apps
- Music
- Pictures
- All other user data
- The decryption key for files on the SD card (You will not be able to use encrypted files on the SD card after you reset your device to factory defaults.)

When the process is done, your phone will be wiped and will be impossible to decrypt. It's now safe to donate your android smartphone.