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Send Lifespan

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Unlike regular vault items and file attachments, Sends are ephemeral and have a **default lifespan of seven days** and can be set to last for up to 31 days using the deletion date option. When a Send reaches its deletion date, it's purged from Bitwarden systems and inaccessible to both sender and recipients.

Different client apps allow you to set additional limitations on access like an expiration date and/or maximum access count options. You can also manually deactivate or delete a Send at any time.

Deletion date

By default, Sends will automatically be deleted seven days after they are created. Using the **deletion date** option, you can change this to a range of pre-specified options (for example, 1 hour, 1 day, 14 days, 31 days).

Deletion date has a **maximum allowed value of 31 days from creation**.

Deletion behavior

When a Send reaches its deletion date:

- For recipients (anyone with the generated link), navigating to the Send link will show a screen reporting that the Send does not exist or is no longer available.

- For the sender, a 🗑 **Pending Deletion** icon will appear next to the Send. The Send will pend deletion for a few minutes, after which it will be permanently deleted from Bitwarden systems and from the sender's view.

  > ⓘ **Note**
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  > Deleted Sends are not sent to or stored in the trash. Once the deletion has been confirmed, you will not be able to access the contents of a Send.

Expiration date

> ⓘ **Note**
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> Only available in the web app and desktop app.

By default, Sends will never expire, but they will be deleted. Using the **Expiration Date** option, you can select from a range of pre-specified options (for example, 1 hour, 1 day, 7 days) or specify a custom timestamp using the date picker (or in the text input in the format `MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM AM/PM`).

Expiration behavior

When a Send reaches its expiration date:

- For recipients (anyone with the generated link), navigating to the Send link will show a screen reporting that the Send does not exist or is no longer available.

- For the sender, an ⏱ **Expired** icon will appear next to the Send. The Send will remain accessible to the sender until the specified deletion date is reached.

Maximum access count (or, Limit views)

For all Sends, a **Current Access Count** ticker will track the number of times the Send link has been accessed:

Maximum Access Count

Current Access Count

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If set, users will no longer be able to access this send once the maximum access count is reached.

Current Access Count ticker

You can specify a **Maximum Access Count** or, on browser extensions **Limit views**, that is any positive integer.

Maximum access count behavior

When a Send reaches its specified maximum access (or **View**) count:

- For recipients (anyone with the generated link), navigating to the Send link will show a screen reporting that the Send does not exist or is no longer available.

- For the sender, a ⊘ **Max access count reached** icon will appear next to the send. The Send will remain accessible to its sender until the specified deletion date is reached.

> ♡ **Tip**
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> The **Current Access Count** (or **View**) ticker counts:
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> - For text Sends, the number of times the link has been accessed.
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> - For file Sends, the number of times the contents are downloaded.

Manually deactivate or delete

To manually deactivate or delete a Send from any Bitwarden app:

⇒Web app

Deactivate from the web app

To deactivate a Send from the web app, open the **Edit Send** view, expand the **Options**, and check the **Deactivate this Send so that no one can access it** checkbox. You can uncheck this box at any time to re-enable access to the Send.

When a Send is deactivated:

- For recipients (anyone with the generated link), navigating to the Send link will show a screen reporting that the Send does not exist or is no longer available.

- For the sender, a ⚠ **Deactivated** icon will appear next to the Send. The Send will remain accessible to its sender until the specified **Deletion Date** is reached.

Delete from the web app

To delete a Send from the web app, use the ⋮ options menu to select the 🗑 **Delete** button:

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⇒**Browser extension**

Delete from browser extensions

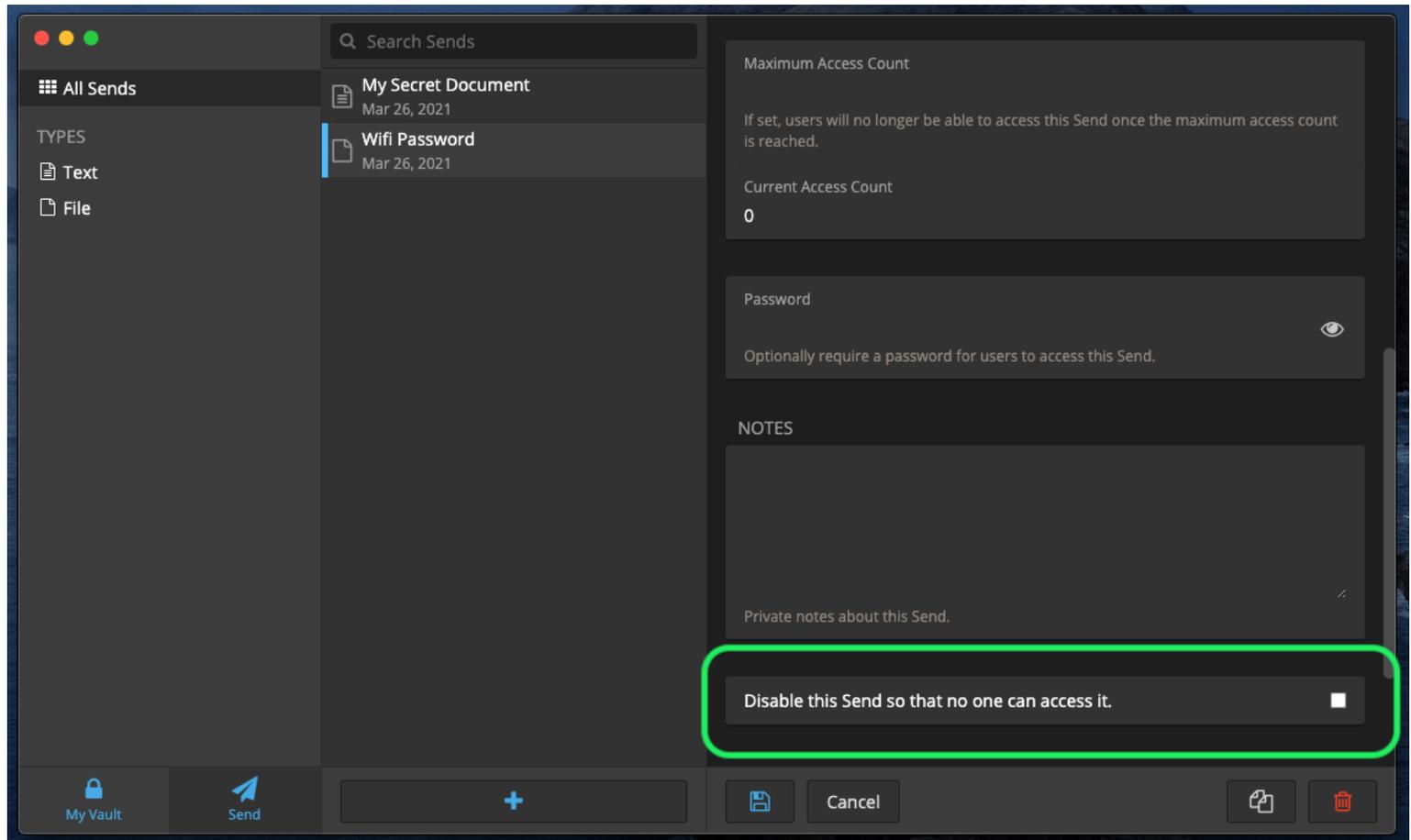To delete a Send from a browser extension, select the 🗑 **Trash** icon next to the Send you want to delete:

Delete Send from a browser extension

⇒Desktop

Deactivate from desktop apps

To deactivate a Send from a desktop app, open the **Edit Send** view and check the **Deactivate this Send so that no one can access it** checkbox. You can uncheck this box at any time to reactivate the Send.
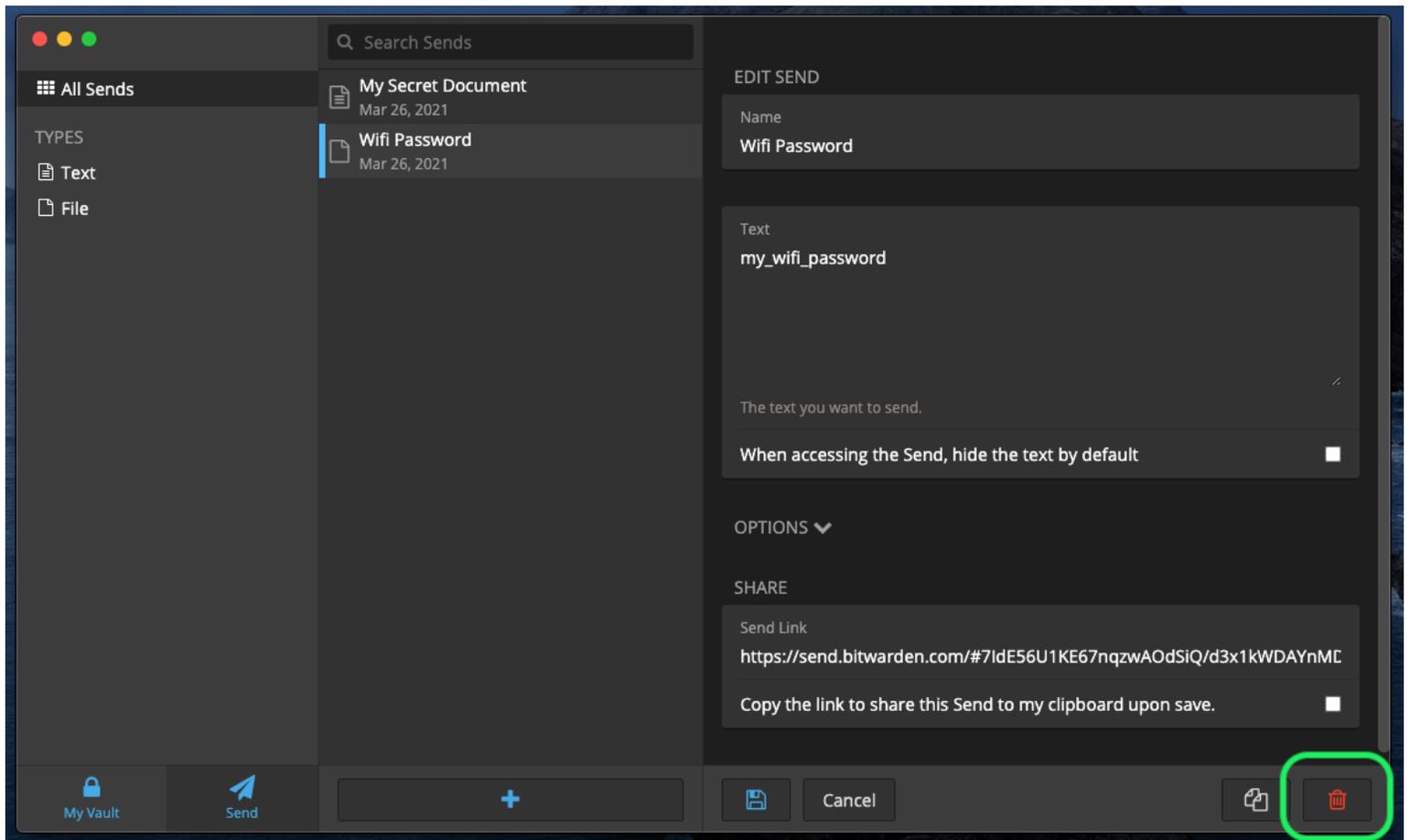

Disable from a Desktop App

When a Send is deactivated:

- For recipients (anyone with the generated link), navigating to the Send link will show a screen reporting that the Send does not exist or is no longer available.

- For the sender, a ⚠ **Deactivated** icon will appear next to the Send. The Send will remain accessible to its sender until the specified **Deletion Date** is reached.

Delete from desktop apps

To delete a Send from a desktop app, open the **Edit Send** view and select the 🗑 **Delete** button:
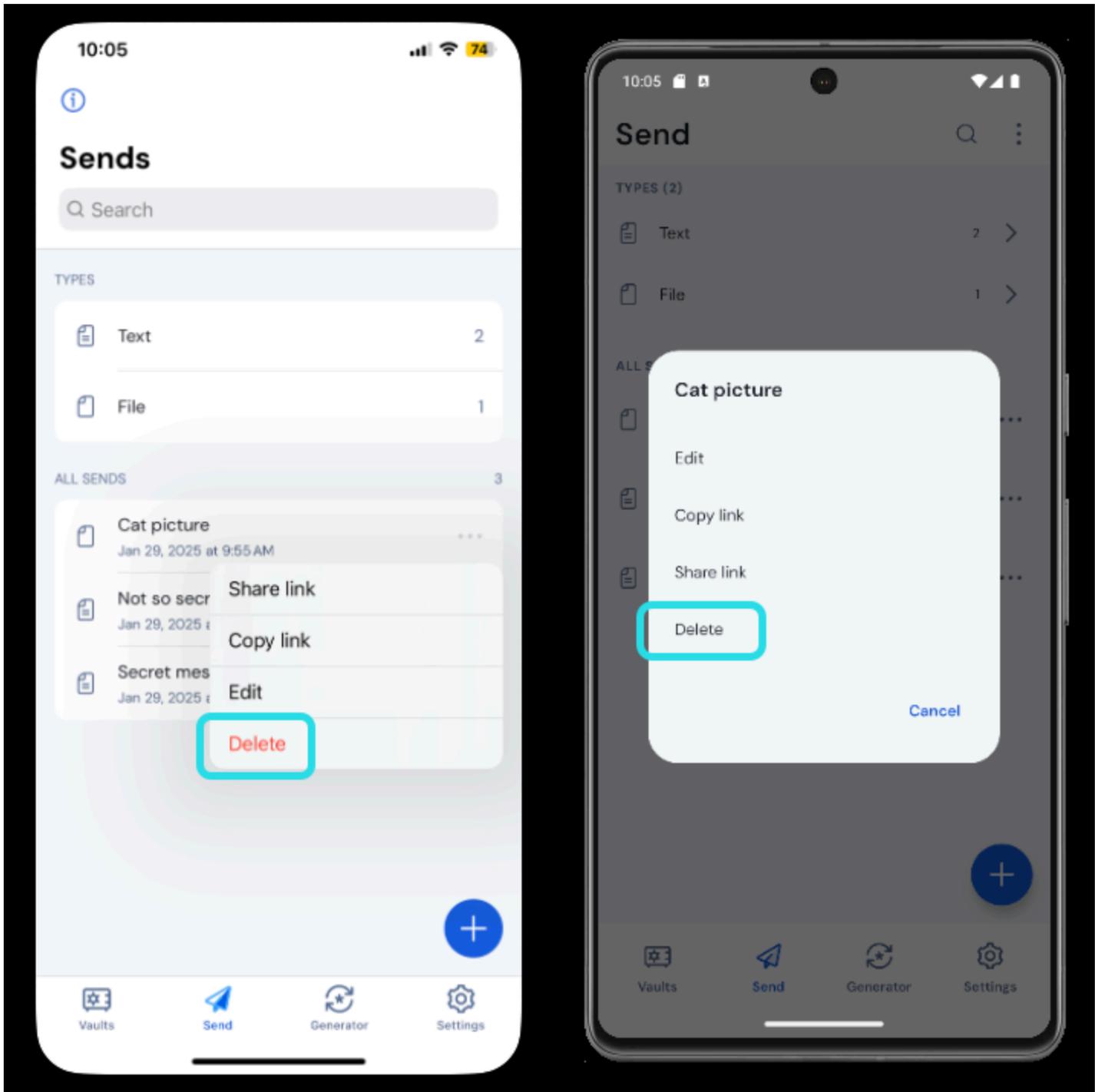
Delete from a Desktop App

⇒Mobile

Delete from mobile apps

To delete a Send from a mobile app, tap the ··· options menu and tap the **Delete** option:

Delete a send on mobile

⇒CLI

Disable from the CLI

To disable a Send from the CLI, you will need to use the `edit` command to change the `"disabled":false` key-value pair to `"disabled":true`, for example:

```Bash
bw send get <id> | jq '.disabled=false' | bw encode | bw send edit
```

We recommend reading the Send from CLI article for more information.

Delete from the CLI

To delete a Send from the CLI, use the `delete` command with the Send's exact unique `id` as an argument:

```Bash
bw send delete <id>
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