Removing TerraBytes from your Mac

A short guide to fully and cleanly remove TerraBytes from your Mac — in about three minutes.

🔒 Why we ask you to do this yourself

TerraBytes is **local-first**: everything the app knows about your storage is kept **only on your own Mac, securely and locally** — never in the cloud. That is our core promise, and it has one logical consequence: **we cannot access it**, not even to clean it up for you.

That is why uninstalling TerraBytes takes two short steps on your side: removing the app and deleting the local TerraBytes database. That way **nothing is left behind** on your device.

What you will do — at a glance

1. **Quit and remove TerraBytes**
   From the *Applications* folder to the Trash.
2. **Delete your local TerraBytes database**
   One folder, deleted once. Full path on page 3.
3. **Empty the Trash**
   For a fully clean finish.

✅ Your files are never touched

TerraBytes only reads **metadata** (file name, size, dates, owner) — never the contents of your files. Removing the app and its database changes **nothing** about your own documents or connected storage.

Step 1 · Remove the app

Start by quitting and removing the app itself.

1. **Quit TerraBytes completely**

   In the app, open the TerraBytes menu and choose **Quit TerraBytes**, or press ⌘ + Q.

2. **Open the Applications folder**

   In Finder, choose **Go › Applications** (or press ⇧ + ⌘ + A).

3. **Drag TerraBytes to the Trash**

   Or right-click **TerraBytes** and choose **Move to Trash**.

> ➡️ **Next**
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> Done? Continue with **Step 2** on the next page to delete your local TerraBytes database — then you are finished.

Step 2 · Delete the local database

TerraBytes keeps its local database in a single folder on your Mac. Remove it like this:

1. **Open "Go to Folder" in Finder**

   Choose **Go › Go to Folder** or press ⇧ + ⌘ + G.

2. **Paste this path and press Enter**

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   ~/Library/Application Support/nl.terra-bytes.desktop
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   Finder opens the folder containing files such as `storages.duckdb` — that is your local TerraBytes data.

3. **Delete the whole folder**

   Right-click the `nl.terra-bytes.desktop` folder › **Move to Trash**.

4. **Empty the Trash**

   Right-click the Trash in the Dock and choose **Empty Trash**.

> ⚠️ **Delete only this folder**
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> Only remove the `nl.terra-bytes.desktop` folder. Do not touch any other folder inside `Application Support`.

> **Extra thorough (optional):** want temporary files gone too? Repeat "Go to Folder" for `~/Library/Caches/nl.terra-bytes.desktop` and `~/Library/WebKit/nl.terra-bytes.desktop` and delete those folders if they exist.

> 📩 **Reinstalling later?**
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> Always possible. Reinstall TerraBytes via your personal download link, sign in and connect your storage — your tags and scan results are rebuilt **automatically**.