



Murfie

Do you have a large number of audio compact disks that you would like to have available on your portable music device? Are stacks of CDs sitting around in jewel cases in your closets? A cloud computing service called Murfie (www.murfie.com) offers a solution that will help you de-clutter your life. For \$24 a year the Murfie Gold Package will rip all of your CDs into a variety of formats including those used by iPods. There is no limit to the number of disks that you can send. Murfie will send you boxes, labels, and tape to box your disks up. Your music is available to you to listen to on the web. If you have a disk you no longer want you are free to sell it on Murfie. You can also buy or trade

disks with other Murfie members, usually for around three dollars each. New albums can be purchased on a two-to-three dollar discount basis. Using Murfie is easy: you just register, request a box and mailer (they pay the cost of shipping), and box up your CD collection. Storage of your disks is free for a year. If you purchase ten items through their service, you get another year's free storage. Don't meet their purchase requirement? Then for twelve dollars a year, they will store up to 1000 CDs for you. They offer a 90 day guarantee. If you don't like the service, they will send you your CDs back. They used to do this for free, but now they charge for shipping the disks back to you. There are some drawbacks to the system.

If you download one of your CDs, you can't trade or sell it for thirty days. Downloading the zip file of your CD can take some time, often up to an hour, so be patient. There is a reward however. You get to remove all the clutter from your house and at the same time have access to all your music when you want it. You can find more information on how Murfie works on their website. The Murfie blog "dashboard" has additional information on the service, including how to advertise your CDs for sale on Craigslist. Here is a link to a graphic description of the service work flow: https://www.murfie.com/how_does_murfie_work.

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