



How to Reduce Video File Size in Windows Movie Maker

Before we get started to reducing video files in Windows Movie Maker, please check your video size and the format as well. Windows Movie Maker doesn't support all video file types. If your file is not supported, you may need to convert it first.

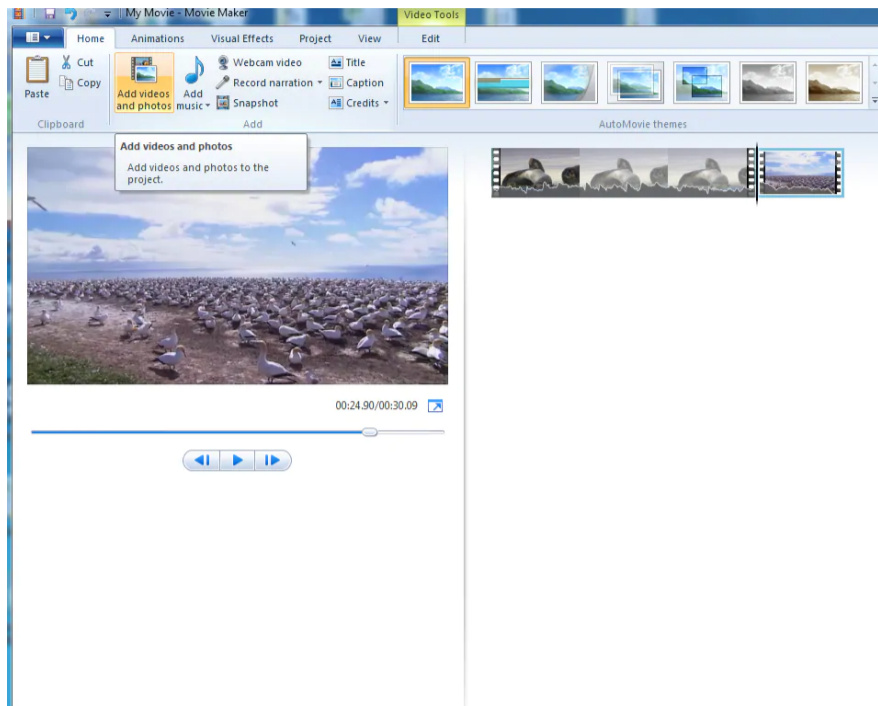
The steps and screenshots below are taken from Windows Movie Maker 2012. If you are using a different version such as Windows Movie Maker 2.6, you may find they share different user interfaces. But, the function of reducing video files is virtually identical.





Step 1 Import Video Files

Launch the Windows Movie Maker software from your computer. Once the software opens, look for the **Add Videos and Photos** icon on the left pane and select it to select the video you want to resize. It will be automatically uploaded onto the Windows Movie Maker.



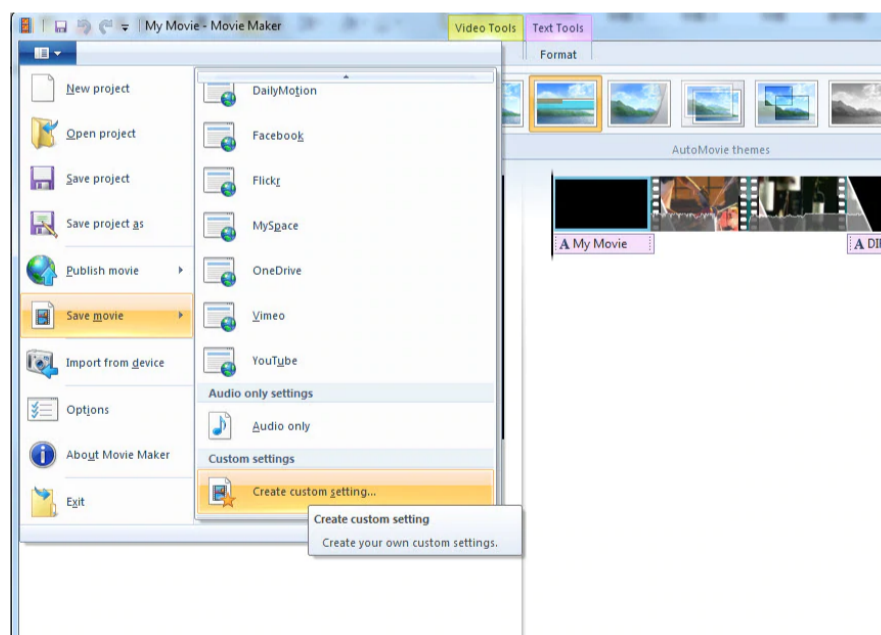
Step 2 Edit the video

Here you can edit the video such as trimming, splitting, adding music, transitions, etc.

Related article: [How to edit videos in Windows Movie Maker](#)

Step 3 Save the video

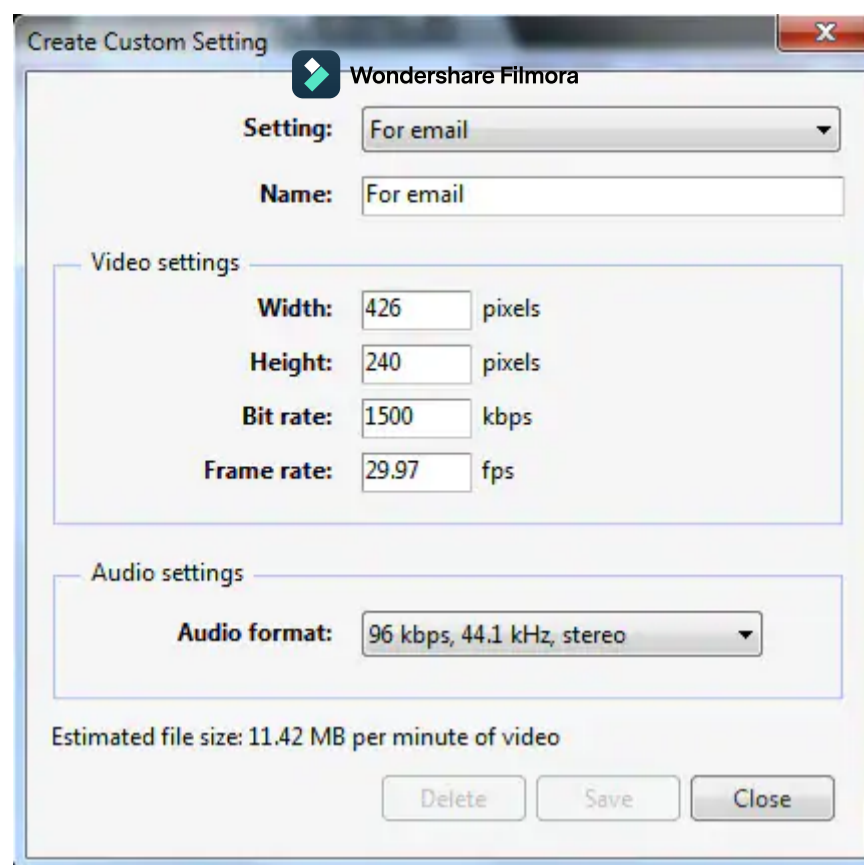
After you are done with the edits – if any, on the upper left pane, select the **File** option and then on the drop-down menu, select the **Save Movie File** option, then **Create custom setting**.



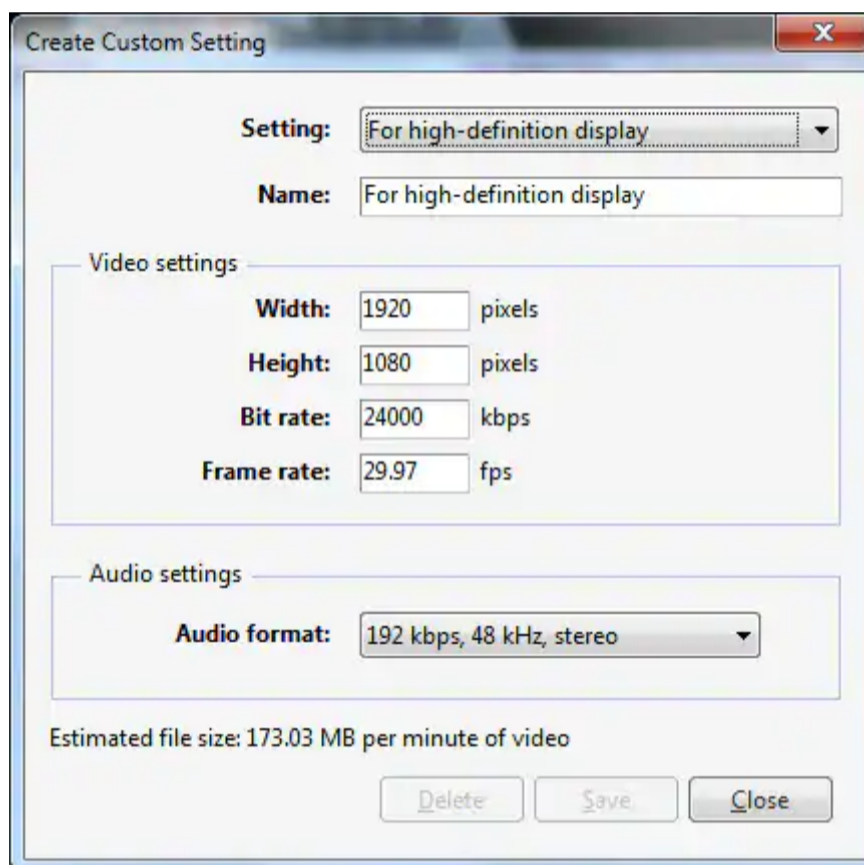
Step 4 Customize Video Size Properties

On the pop-up window, you can custom the setting to reduce video size. Take my video file as an example: if I choose For email, the video file will be 11.42MB:

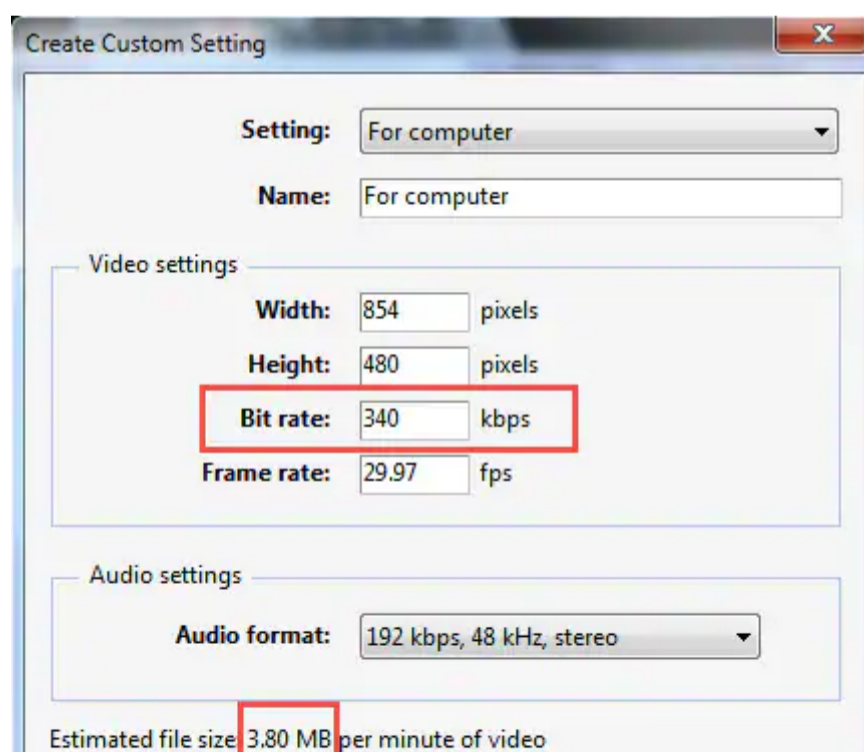


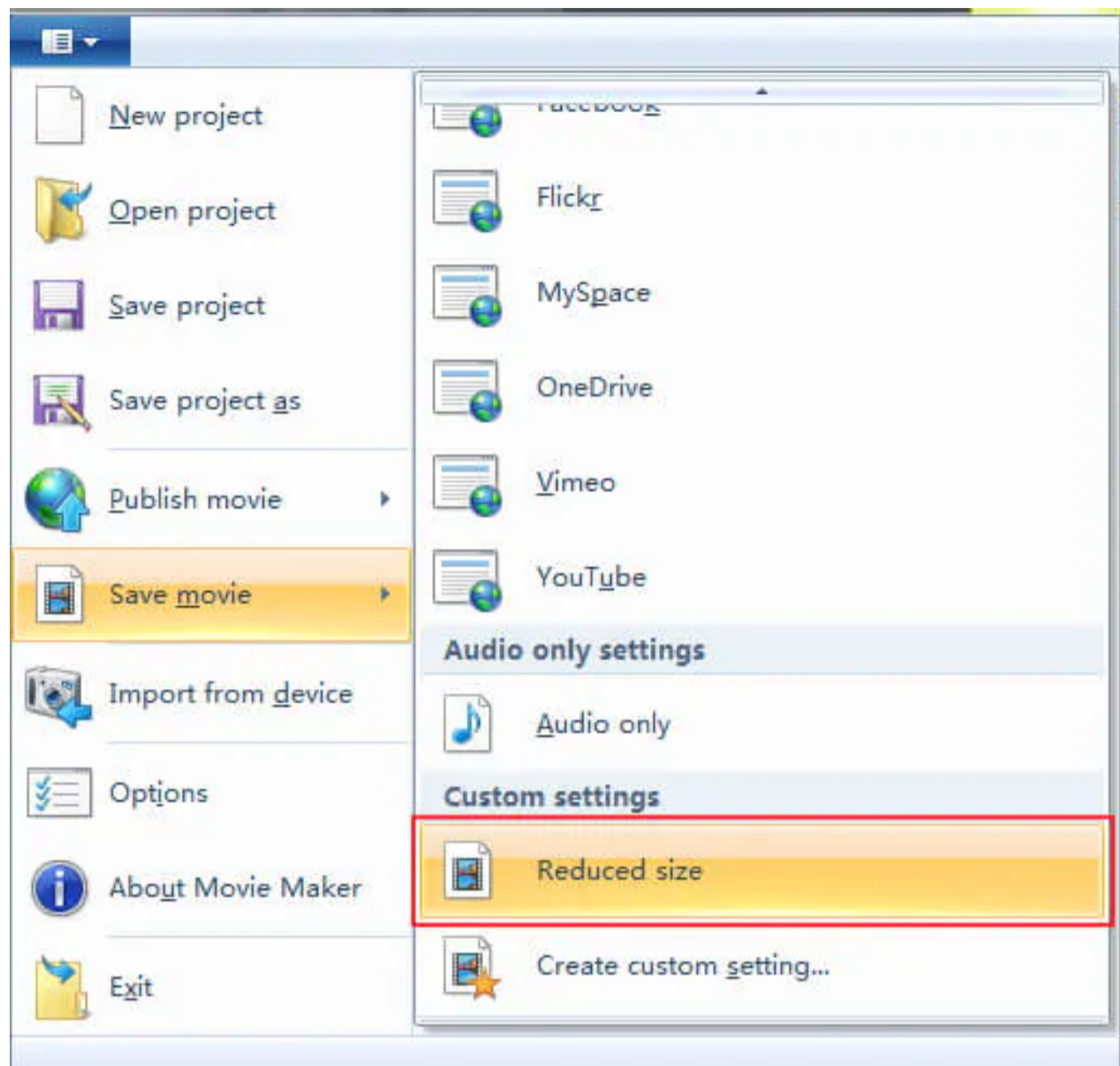


If I choose For high-definition display, the video file will be 173.03MB:



Or you can directly adjust the bit rates in the Video settings to reduce video size. In the Create Custom Setting window, enter a new name for the Setting and it will be saved with .wlv format.





Click **Save** to start the compression of the video file. It will take some time to compress and save the video file.

Conclusion

Above are the two movie makers that you can use on Windows to reduce the video size by saving with different bitrates or resolutions. If you are not familiar with Windows Movie Maker yet, you can check our guide of [How to Edit Video in Windows Movie Maker](#) such as [zoom in videos](#) or [combine two or more clips into one](#). For people who want to empower your video with more creativity, I recommend you to use Filmora, which provides stunning filters, overlay, elements, and transitions as well as royalty-free music sound. Watch the video below to check how to edit video with Filmora to the next level.