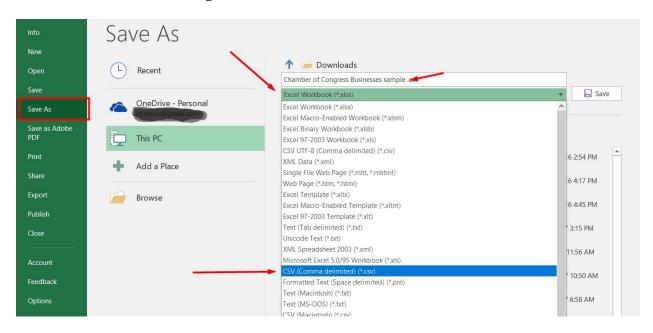
What is a CSV and how do I import it?

A CSV is a **comma separated values** file which allows data to be saved in a table structured format. CSVs look like normal spreadsheet but with a **.csv extension.** Traditionally they take the form of a text file containing information separated by commas, hence the name.

CSV files can be used with any spreadsheet program, such as Microsoft Excel, Open Office Calc, or Google Spreadsheets. They differ from other spreadsheet file types in that you can only have a single sheet in a file, they cannot save cell, column, or row styling, and cannot save formulas.

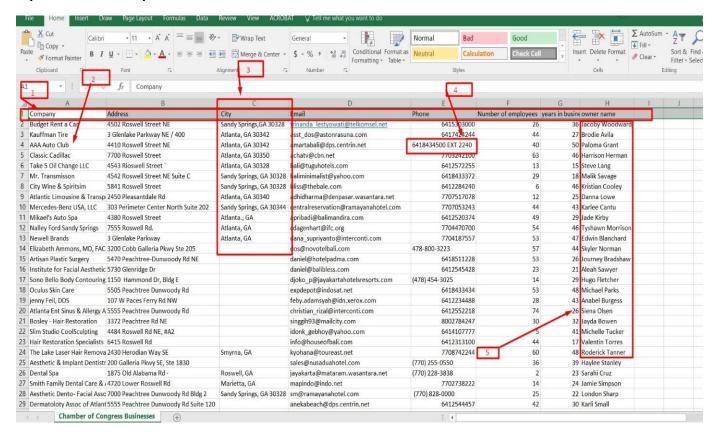
Your file will need certain formatting in order to be imported into PhoneBurner correctly.

1. To change the format of an Excel spreadsheet to CSV you will need to use the "save as" option and save as CSV (Comma Delimited)



2. Once you have the data in a CSV, you will want to check the file to make sure it is clean and that the information will go into PhoneBurner easily. Cleaning up data before uploading can save a lot of time and hassle of locating/deleting and re-uploading if there are errors.

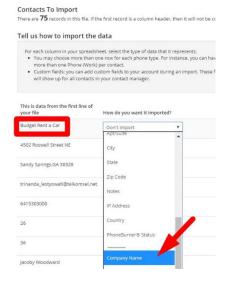
Here is an example of a CSV with some bad data that should be cleaned up before import.



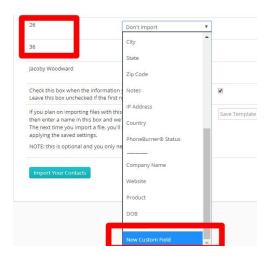
Item #1 Shows the header row. This is important because it makes it easier to import the data into the system. The image below shows what happens when you have no header rows. #2 is the data you are importing from that column.

Contacts To Import There are 75 records in this file. If the first record is a column header, then it will not be counted in Tell us how to import the data For each column in your spreadsheet, select the type of data that it represents. . You may choose more than one row for each phone type. For instance, you can have more than one Phone (Work) per contact. . Custom fields: you can add custom fields to your account during an import. These fields will show up for all contacts in your contact manager. This is data from the first line of How do you want it imported? your file Budget Rent a Car Don't Import 4502 Roswell Street NE Don't Import Sandy Springs,GA 30328 Don't Import trinanda_lestyowati@telkomsel.net Don't Import 6415303000 Don't Import 26 Don't Import . ٧ Don't Import Jacoby Woodward Don't Import Check this box when the information you see above is an actual contact.

It is easy to recognize some of the data and if your file is very basic this is ok, but if you are new to imports and have lots of data, you will want to make sure you have headers.



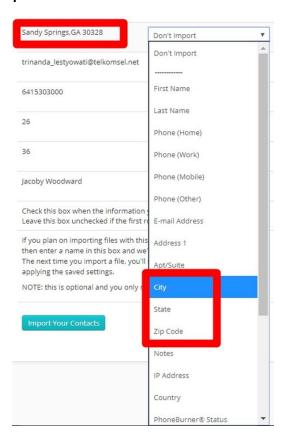
Leave this box unchecked if the first row is column headers.



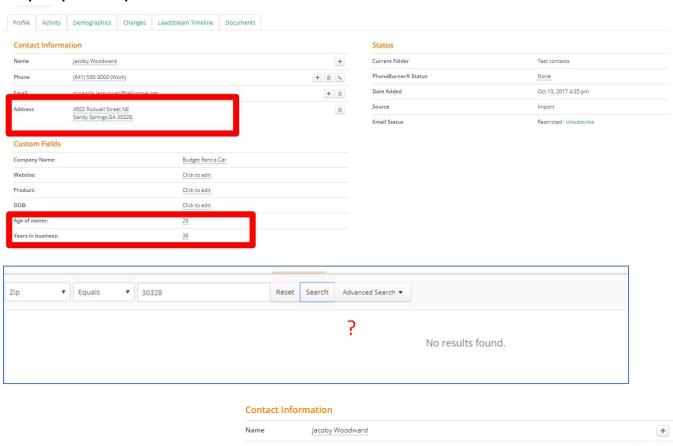
If you have just numbers in a column with no headers, that you want to import, if you don't know what the number represents by column header, you could make mistakes on the import.

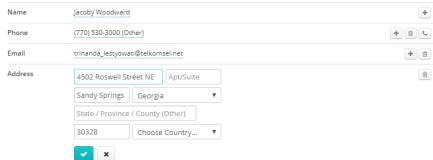
#3 in the sample file shows the data in the city column.

Note that some of these contacts show the city, state and zip all in that column. If you import the data this way, it will load In the system but if you needed to later search for a contact by zip code, you would not be able to do the search because there is no zip field in the csv and it is part of the city. You should divide this into separate columns whenever possible.

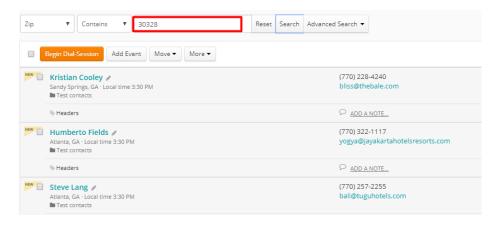


Improper import:





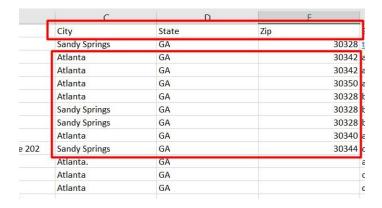
Properly imported data:



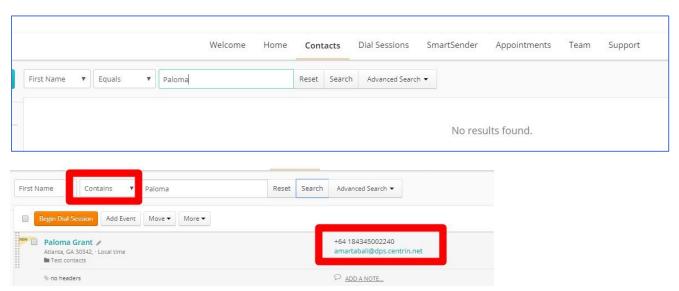
For information on how to split a cell in excel in to multiple cells

see: https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Split-a-cell-f1804d0c-e180-4ed0-a2ae-973a0b7c6a23

Here is what the data looks like after the split done twice for state and zip.

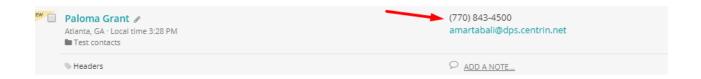


This also had to be done for the phone column (#4) as there was extra data in the phone number that would import. incorrectly



The extension is merged into the number

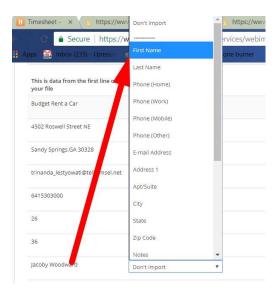
When done correctly with the extension in a separate field, the number shows correctly.



Bad vs Good data:

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And for the Owner name (#5) as well. This could have been imported as one NAME, however First Name and Last Name is better as it allows easier import and searches. If both names are together, they would need to be imported into the first name column.



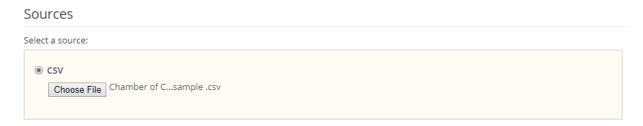
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owner name		
Jacoby Woodward		
Brodie Avila		
Paloma Grant		
Harrison Herman		
Steve Lang		
Malik Savage		
Kristian Cooley		
Danna Lowe		
Karlee Cantu		
Jade Kirby		

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36	Jacoby	Woodward		
27	Brodie	Avila		
50	Paloma	Grant		
46	Harrison	Herman		
15	Steve	Lang		
18	Malik	Savage		
46	Kristian	Cooley		
25	Danna	Lowe		
43	Karlee	Cantu		
29	Jade	Kirby		
46	Tyshawn	Morrison		
47	Edwin	Blanchard		
44	Skyler	Norman		
26	Journey	Bradshaw		
21	Aleah	Sawyer		
29	Hugo	Fletcher		
48	Michael	Parks		
43	Anabel	Burgess		
26	Siena	Olsen		
32	Jayda	Bowen		
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17	Valentin	Torres		
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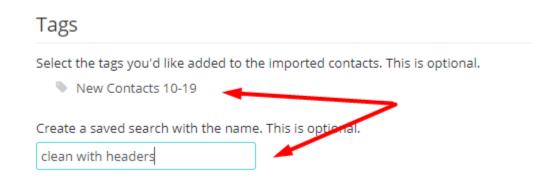
Finally...we are ready to do the import with the cleaned up file.

Go to Home> Import Contacts or Contacts>Import

1. Choose your file:



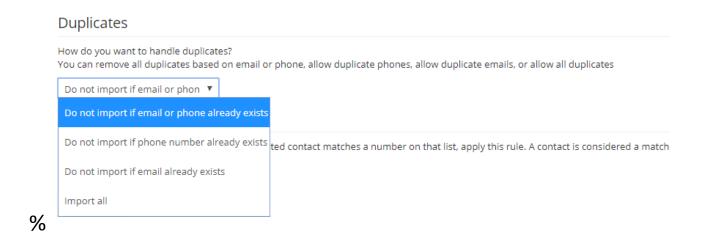
2. Tags and Saves search is optional, however recommended as an easy way to find the imports later in case you make a mistake and need to remove them or want to move them.



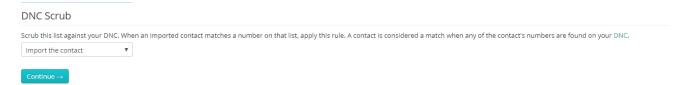
3. Select a folder to put them in. Do you want them in the same folder as everything else or do you need to go back to create a new one. (If you use tags and/or a saved search you can do this later by moving them if you have an admin or individual account. A team member may need to get admin approval to move or delete.

Contact Manager Folders Select where your contacts will be imported. Test contacts

4. Choose how you want to handle duplicate contacts.



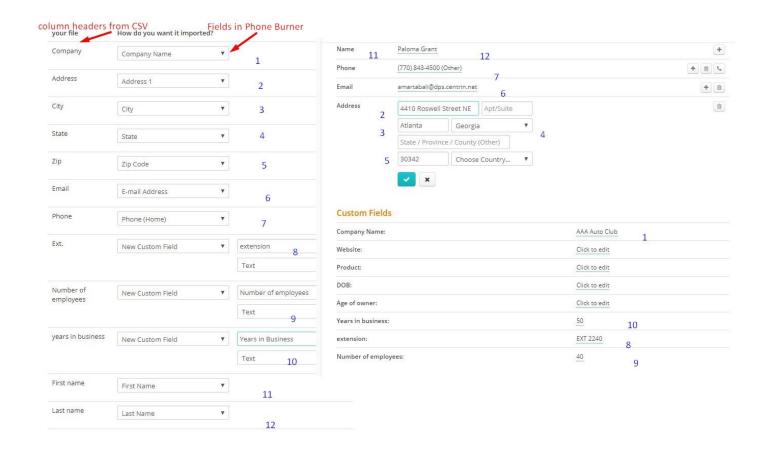
5. Choose how you want to handle DO NOT CALL numbers:



After hitting **continue**, you are ready to map the columns up to the contact manager fields in PhoneBurner.

your file	How do you want it imported?				
Company	Company Name				
Address	Address 1	•			
City	City	•			
State	State	•			
Zip	Zip Code	•			
Email	E-mail Address	•			
Phone	Phone (Home)	•			
Ext.	New Custom Field	•	extension		
			Text ▼		
Number of employees	New Custom Field		Number of employees		
cp.oyees			Text ▼		
years in business	New Custom Field	•	Years in Business		
			Text ▼		
First name	First Name	•			
Last name	Last Name	•			

NOTE: the name of the contact manager field does not need to match the CSV file header. You are matching the data from the fields into the correct places in the contact fields.



Example of how mapping matches up to Phoneburner.