

# **Savvy Streaming**

**Affordable Cable Alternatives**

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# Getting Started

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- Fast Internet Connection **Required**
  - At least 6mb-10mb speeds for 1080p streaming
  - No data limits
- Accessible email address **Required**
- Do you want to stream at 1080p or 4k?
- Must have a device that can stream content (Smart TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV Stick, Chromecast, Apple TV, etc.)
- What apps are already available on your smart devices?
- What channels are most important to you? What shows/events do you need to see live?

# Internet Based Streaming

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## Pros

- Lower potential cost
- Lots of content
- Multiple viewing options (Watch on your phone, tablet, computer, TV, smart TV)
- Pick and choose which plan works best for you
- No contracts (Most options are month to month)

## Cons

- Reliable internet with no data cap is required
- Initial setup may be difficult for the less tech savvy
- May not offer all the channels you're looking for (Including local channels)
- Buffering, especially during big events and peak internet usage times (Typically 7pm-10pm)

# Streaming Devices

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**ROKU**®

\$29.99 - \$99.99



**amazon**

\$39.99 - \$119.99



\$149.00 - \$199.00



**Google**

\$34.99 - \$69.99



# Top Live TV Options

**hulu** + **LIVE  
TV**

**sling**<sup>TM</sup>  
TELEVISION

 **YouTubeTV**

**ESPN** +

**philo**

 **AT&T**

# hulu + LIVE TV

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- \$54.99/month
- Includes live TV **and** movies/TV series on demand
- Includes local channels (Not all channels are available in all areas)
- Cloud DVR included (Up to 50 hours)
- Allows 6 accounts
- 2 simultaneous streams (Can be upgraded to unlimited for an extra \$14.98/month)



- \$30 - \$45/month
- Includes live TV **and** movies/TV series on demand
- Unlimited Cloud DVR for an extra \$5/month
- Free Roku Express **or** a Roku Ultra for \$50 (Half off original price)
- Free antenna for picking up local channels
- No local channels option. Must use antenna separately.
- 1-4 simultaneous streams





- \$64.99/month
- Includes live TV **and** movies/TV series on demand
- The most sports channels
- Cloud DVR with no limits
- Allows 6 accounts
- 3 simultaneous streams



- \$5.99/month
- ESPN news, events and some live sports. No access to live ESPN, ESPN2, and ESPNNews channels
- Access to archived shows and originals from ESPN; 30For30, E60, and other shows
- Can link another live TV streaming option to watch more sports in the app
- 3 simultaneous streams. Some exclusive PPV events only 2 streams



- \$20/month
- 50+ channels
- The most affordable streaming option
- Unlimited DVR that can be stored for 30 days
- 3 simultaneous streams
- NO local channels



# AT&T TV NOW

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- Used to be Direct TV Now
- \$45-\$80/month
- 45-65+ channels
- 2 simultaneous streams
- Some local channels

# Local Live TV Options

# Antennas

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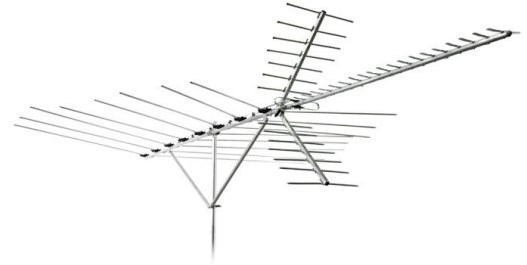


Leaf Metro  
(Indoor)  
\$17.99



***Channel Master***

3020  
(Outdoor)  
\$179.99



Mohu ReLeaf  
HDTV Antenna  
\$34.26



UltraPro Signal Finder  
(Indoor)  
\$59.00



Top Movie/TV  
Episode Streaming

NETFLIX

hulu

prime video

HBOmax

ACORN tv

Disney+





- Free - \$9.99
- A brand new streaming service by NBCUniversal
- Offers a collection of TV shows, movies, and original series
- Allows users to watch live sports and news updates
- They do not have downloadable content for offline use, but they promise they will in the future
- On a single account, you can stream up to 3 devices

# NETFLIX

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- \$9 - \$16/month
- Most recognized name in content streaming
- Wide variety of content (including original and exclusive)
- Downloadable content for offline use
- Allows 6 accounts, 1-4 simultaneous streams
- Offers DVD/Blu-ray subscription  
(many of which are not available in streaming plans)



- Disney+ is \$6.99/month, but this is included in a couple of bundles.
- Wide variety of content from Disney, such as originals and classics.
- Downloadable content that can be played offline.
- A user can create up to 7 different profiles for one account.
- Four devices can simultaneously stream Disney+.



- \$14.99/month
- HBO Max has a variety of content that includes, HBO originals, blockbuster movies and favorite series.
- You can simultaneously stream on 3 devices a time.
- You can download and play movies and shows offline.



- \$5.99 - \$11.99/month
- Wide variety of content (including original and exclusive)
- Downloadable content for offline use
- Episodes of shows are available the day after they air on TV
- 2 simultaneous stream



- \$8.99/month (Included with Amazon Prime \$12.99/month)
- Largest selection of content to stream, purchase or rent (including original and exclusive)
- Downloadable content for offline use
- 3 simultaneous streams



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- \$5.99/month or \$59.99/year
  - Specializes in content from the UK, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand (including original and exclusive)
  - Lot's of popular shows including Midsomer Murders, Foyle's War, Murdoch Mysteries, Agatha Christie's Marple, Agatha Christie's Poirot, and a lot more
  - Unlimited streams

# Movie/TV Rentals



	Price	Loan Period
	\$0.99 to \$19.99	You have 30 days from purchase to begin watching. Once started it's available for 48 hrs.
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	\$0.99 to \$19.99	You have 30 days from purchase to begin watching. Once started it's available for 24 - 48 hrs.
<div>   </div>	\$0.99 to \$19.99	You have 30 days from purchase to begin watching. Once started it's available for 48 hrs.

# Library Resources

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- Free (With active library card)
- Limited amount of content
- Borrow up to 8 items per month (based on library)
- Download content for offline use

**Now available on these devices and apps!**





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- Currently Unavailable
  - Free (With active library card)
  - Wide variety of content in VHS, DVD or Blu-Ray
  - Borrow multiple items at a time

# Helpful Links and Information

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- Most services are very similar in use. Just create an account with a username (for most services your email is your username) and password. Go to that services website or app and log in with your information.
- [www.justwatch.com](http://www.justwatch.com) - is a great site for finding out if a TV show/movie is currently available on any service
- <https://antennaweb.org/address> - Type your address in to see the local channels you could get with different antennas
- [www.theantennamen.com](http://www.theantennamen.com) - a local company that sells and installs antennas for local, live TV

# Questions?

