



# Cutting the Cord: How to Stream Everything!

# Should I “Cut the Cord”?

- That depends 😊 Here are some questions to consider when making your decision:
  - Are you fed up with increasing prices?
  - Are you paying for channels you don’t watch?
  - Are you paying tons of fees and taxes?
  - How does the cable company’s customer service treat you?
  - Are you stuck in a two year contract?



# What is Streaming?

- Watch movies and TV shows when you want
- Watch ONLY the shows you want
- No storage required
- Plays in real time
- Wi-Fi required (Broadband internet speeds)
- Ask me about Binge Watching
- Does this mean you can get rid of cable?



# What Do You Need to Stream?

- Streaming Device
- Streaming Service
- GOOD internet access/Wi-Fi
- Time to watch 😊





# Media Streaming Devices



# Amazon Fire TV can:

- Stream Amazon Prime (Prime subscribers stream these titles for FREE!) and Amazon Instant Video
- Stream Netflix, Hulu, HBO Now, ShowTime, and Crackle
- Stream Pandora and iHeart Radio
- Play apps and games
- Fire TV Stick \$39, Fire TV \$69, Fire TV Cube \$119.99



# Apple TV can:

- Stream iTunes movies, TV and music
- Stream Amazon Prime, ESPN, Hulu, Netflix
- Apple TV with Siri Search \$149
- New Apple TV 4K HDR with Siri Search \$179



# Google Chromecast can:

- Stream Google Movies & TV, Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, ESPN and more
- Stream Pandora, iHeart Radio and Google Music
- Play games
- Use your mobile device as the remote
  - Install “thousands” of apps to cast
- Wirelessly mirror screens from Chromebook and other Android devices
- Chromecast \$35, Chromecast Ultra \$69 (faster, more powerful, ethernet port)





# Roku Can:

- Stream “thousands of Channels” including Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Instant Video, Sling TV
- Let’s you listen privately with the headphone compatible remote
- \$29-\$99



# Smart TV can:

- Stream directly from your TV, no extra equipment necessary
- Stream all the major services like Netflix, Hulu, YouTube
- Stream music with Pandora
- Connect to Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Flickr
- TCL – Roku TV (50" Display \$299.99)
- Toshiba– Amazon TV (direct connection to Echo for voice control (50" Display \$299.99))



DIRECTV  
NOW

sling  
TELEVISION

NETFLIX

You Tube

prime  
video

hulu™

Streaming Services



# DIRECTV NOW

- Live TV from 65+ channels, including local news and regional sports events
- 25,000 on-demand titles
- Choose from 6 pricing/channel packages \$50-\$135, includes HBO





- Current and past programming from networks
- Live Programs from 50 Channels
  - Local programming and news on ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX
  - ABCFamily, Comedy Central, FX
  - CW, History/H2, HGTV
- Original programs like Handmaids Tale, Path,
- For Hulu content library: 30 day free trial, \$5.99 or \$11.99 without commercials
- For Hulu Live: 7 day free trial, \$43.99 or bundle with no ads \$50.99
- Movies and Original programs from Showtime, Cinemax, HBO for an addition \$8.99 – \$14.99
- Learn more about Hulu at Techboomers.com  
<https://techboomers.com/p/hulu>





- Stream LIVE TV including networks such as ESPN, ESPN2, AMC, TNT, TBS, Food Network, HGTV, Travel Channel, Adult Swim, Cartoon Network, Disney Channel, ABC Family, CNN, and more.
- Video on demand
- 7 day free trial
  - Sling Orange \$20 per month
  - Sling Blue \$25 per month
  - Sling Orange and Blue \$40 per month
- Add HBO and other extras





- Stream Live TV from over 60 channels
- On-demand content from many of the networks
- \$49.99 per month, can add premium movie and sports channels from \$5 per month extra
- 5 accounts included
- Unlimited Cloud DVR storage



# NETFLIX

- Thousands of movies and TV episodes
- Commercial free
- Original programming: *Altered Carbon, Stranger Things, Longmire*
- 30 day free trial, \$7.99 - \$13.99 Learn about Netflix at Techboomers.com  
<https://techboomers.com/p/netflix>







- For Amazon Prime members, tens of thousands of movies and TV shows, including Amazon Originals: Grand Tour, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, The Man in High Castle are available to stream instantly, at no additional cost.
- 30 day free trial, monthly rates of \$8.99 (prime video only) or \$12.99 (full prime membership) or \$119 per year. Full membership includes free two day shipping, Prime Music, Prime Photos, and Kindle Lending Library.
- Can add on subscription to Showtime, Starz and others for \$8.99 (more or less depending on channel) per month
- Learn about Amazon Prime Instant Video at Techboomers.com  
<https://techboomers.com/p/amazon-prime>





## Other Streaming Services

- Disney+ (available November 2019)
- PlayStation Vue
- FuboTV – Named best streaming service for Live Sports



# Broadband Access

How fast?

Number of devices	Use Cases	Recommended Download Speed
1-2	Web surfing, email, social networking, moderate video	Up to 25 Mbps
3-5	Online multiplayer gaming, 4K streaming	50 - 100 Mbps
More than 5	All of the above plus sharing large files and live streaming video.	150 to 200 Mbps

Source: Tom's Guide --<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/internet-speed-what-you-need,news-24289.html>



# So How Much \$\$?

Average Cable Bill per  
Month \$250

Includes 500 channels  
Internet Services (60 mbps)  
Modem/Router

Note: LOTS of people who have  
cable ALSO pay for Amazon  
Prime and Netflix 😊

Cable	\$250
Amazon Prime	\$9.92
Netflix	\$13
Total	\$272.92

## Typical Cord Cutter Monthly Fees

Internet Service (110 mbps)	\$75
Hulu Live TV	\$51
Netflix	\$13
Amazon Prime (yearly \$119)	\$9.92
Total	\$148.92

# Indoor Digital Antenna



# Can I Stream for Free?

- [Hoopla](#) @ MPPL
  - Stream thousands of movies and TV episodes FOR FREE! (They have music too!)
  - Use your MPPL Library Card and PIN to create an account. (card must be in good standing)
    - 8 free checkouts per month (they have e-books, comic books, and music too!)
    - Apps for iPad/iPhone, Android devices, and Kindle Fire
    - Stream directly from your PC



# Guides to Help You Decide

Your Guide to Cable TV Cord Cutting

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/cord-cutting-guide,news-17928.html>

Best Streaming Video Services of 2019

<https://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2489103,00.asp>

Best Media Streaming Devices of 2019

<https://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2421457,00.asp>

Best TVs for 2019

<https://www.cnet.com/topics/tvs/best-tvs/>

Smart TV: Everything You Need

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/smart-tv-faq,review-2111.html>

Ultimate Cord Cutters Guide

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2478213,00.asp>

How Much Speed Should You Really Pay For?

<https://www.tomsguide.com/us/internet-speed-what-you-need,news-24289.html>

