

Cutting the Cord

What does it mean to cut the cord?

- It means that a TV view can cancel cable or satellite service and watch TV programs via an internet connection.
- It means that you can cancel landline telephone service and replace with a cell phone or VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) with an internet connection.

What devices are used for television video streaming?



Roku Streaming Media Player or Stick



Amazon Fire TV or Stick



Chromecast



Apple TV



Gaming Console

DEVICE CHOICE (one-time cost)	Approximate Price
Roku – stick or dongle	\$30 - \$100
Roku Sound Bar (new)	\$180
Amazon Fire TV	\$30 - \$140
Apple TV	\$129 - \$149
PlayStation	\$550
Xbox	\$300
Chromecast	\$30 - \$80
Antenna	\$20.99 and higher
Smart TV	\$100 and higher

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Smart TV



Antenna

STREAMING CHOICES

Amazon Prime	\$139/yr.-Prime Membership, or \$9/video only
Netflix HD	\$7 - \$20/mo.
Hulu	\$8 - \$15/mo.
Starz	\$9
HBO Max	\$10/mo.
Showtime	\$11/mo.
Showtime through Amazon Prime	\$9/mo.
Kanopy	Free
Sony Crackle	Free

CABLE REPLACEMENT CHOICES

DirecTV NOW

Cost: \$75 and up What you get:

DirecTV NOW is a streaming version of the DirecTV satellite pay-tv service. You don't get everything satellite customers can watch, however, it does offer four tiers of service. For instance, you can get 60 channels for \$75/month. You can add HBO for \$5/month (\$15 elsewhere) and Showtime for \$8.

Two people can use the service at a time, or you can pay \$5 more a month to add one more simultaneous user. And you have a cloud DVR that lets you record shows for later.

FUBO TV Cost: \$75 - \$95

What you get:

Fubo straddles the line between cable replacement services and old fashion streaming. It targets sports fans with live MLB, NHL, NBA and NFL games plus college, regional and international sports packages such as golf or cycling for additional monthly fees.

Hulu+

Cost: \$83 and up What you get:

Hulu with Live TV offers about 50 channels, including major broadcast networks in some areas, a good selection of cable channels, and sports stations such as CBS Sports, ESPN and Fox Sports. You can watch on two devices at a time and record unlimited hours of programming on a cloud DVR.

Sling Television

Cost: \$40 - \$55:

The company's basic orange package costs \$40/month and comes with about 30 cable offerings, including A&E, the Food Network and TBS, but limited broadcast TV. You can get Fox and NBC in some markets, plus Univision, as part of the \$40/month Blue package or about 45 channels.

ABC and Univision are available in some markets in the Orange Plan, or in a combined Orange and Blue plan as part of a \$5/month add on pack. You can add premium channels, such as HBO and Showtime for an extra \$10 to \$15/month. A cloud DVR is available for most devices.

What you don't get:

Sling has no local channels.

PlayStation.Vue

Cost: \$40 and up What you get:

Vue packages range from about 45 channels to a comprehensive 90 channel package, with some of the packages including premium channels. You can also get live local channels in many major markets, on demand in others, and a cloud DVR option. Vue works on most streaming devices, not just the PlayStation. And it supports up to 5 simultaneous users, the

most of any of these services. The service allows you to watch your favorite local teams on regional sports networks (such as Fox Sports or NBC Sports) even if you are traveling in another city. You can also watch any local broadcast channels in the city you are visiting.

What you don't get:

No Viacom channels (Comedy Central, MTV, Nick or Spike)

INTERNET PHONE SERVICE (VoIP)

Internet VoIP Phone Service (Voice Over Internet Protocol)	Approximate U.S. Rates	Device Cost
Google Voice	Free	Use with data phone, tablet, computer, laptop
Skype	2.3 cents/min.	Use with data phone, tablet, computer, laptop



Wi-Fi calling can also be turned on in your settings on your phone, depending on your data provider and plan.

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