



## Complete Solutions Designed for You

Technology should simplify your life, not complicate it. We support computers, phones, tablets, streaming services, and more, regardless of brand or operating system. From setup and troubleshooting to repairs, cleanups, virus removal, malware removal, and performance tuning, we keep your devices running at their best. We also offer personalized tutoring so you can better understand your tech and use it with confidence. With one reliable team, all your tech needs are handled in one place.

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# EaZy Tech Talk



## Claris Companion Tablet



In today's fast-paced digital world, staying connected can sometimes feel overwhelming. Unlike traditional tablets filled with apps and complicated settings, the Claris Companion focuses on communication and ease of use. Its interface is straightforward, featuring large, easy-to-read buttons and easy navigation.

- No Setup or Passwords Required
- Remotely Managed by Family
- Internet Included
- One-touch Video Calling
- No Spam, Scams, or Viruses
- Friendly US-based Support

Family can connect socially using email, text messages, photos, and videos, while caregivers can receive alerts and monitor compliance with medications, treatments, and important appointments.

Unlike traditional tablets, Claris Companion offers a secure, closed environment with no risk of scams, spam, or accidental downloads, keeping seniors safe online.

### Features:

- Private email and text messaging
- Video calling
- Games
- Appointment reminders
- Medication reminders
- Scheduled check ins
- Photos
- Web browsing

By making communication effortless, it helps users stay in touch with family and friends, strengthening relationships and supporting emotional well-being. The result is a seamless experience that keeps users engaged without frustration.

Sometimes, the simplest tools can make the biggest difference, especially when they help people feel connected, confident, and cared for.

If you know someone who could benefit from a Claris Companion tablet, give us a call!



## Laptop Prices Skyrocketing

Windows laptop prices are expected to rise by as much as 40% in the next few months. That means a laptop that once cost around \$900 could soon be priced closer to \$1,260. That's a big jump! We're already seeing noticeable increases, up to 30%, especially in laptops under \$1,000.

Why the increase? There's an ongoing shortage of key components, and when supply is limited, prices go up. On top of that, Intel, one of the primary manufacturers of computer processors, has raised prices. Previously, these components made up about 45% of a laptop's total cost. Now, they account for nearly 60%.

The good news is we still have inventory available that will likely be more affordable than what you'll find at big box stores. What's better than shopping local and saving money? Give us a call if you've been thinking about upgrading to talk about your needs!



## MacBook Neo

MacBook Neo is a new, lower cost Apple laptop. It has a lightweight aluminum design, long battery life, and is powered by the A18 Pro chip used in the iPhone 16 Pro.

Pros:

- Lower price than other MacBooks
- Long battery life

Cons:

- 8 GB memory and 256 GB storage
- 13-inch display
- Slower USB ports

Upgrading the memory and storage raises the price enough that a MacBook Air becomes a better value. The entry-level model can be thought of as a high-powered iPad Pro that runs MacOS Tahoe just like the other Mac computers. Be aware, the limited memory and storage may be restrictive for some users. Interested? Give us a call to see if it's a good fit for you!

## Medicare Fraud & Abuse

Medical identity theft is a serious crime that happens when someone uses your personal information to commit Medicare fraud or other crimes. Protect yourself from becoming a victim with these tips:

- Review all provider receipts and Medicare statements for errors. Call your provider immediately if you spot an incorrect charge.
- Medicare will never visit your home or call to sell you anything. They only call in limited cases, such as returning your message or following up on a fraud report.



- Never give your Medicare or Social Security numbers to anyone except your doctor, insurers, or trusted Medicare programs like SHIP.
- Only allow your doctor or authorized providers to review your records or recommend services.
- Avoid enrolling in a health or drug plan during an unsolicited call; only join if you initiated the contact.



# Quick Tips from the Gadgets Team



## iOS 26.4 - Update Now!!!

Upgrading iPhones and iPads to iOS 26.4 is critical because it addresses active security vulnerabilities that could allow unauthorized access to your personal data. In a world where digital threats evolve daily, keeping your devices up to date is your first and best line of defense for keeping your private information secure.

## Prove You're Not a Robot Scam

A dangerous scam called ClickFix is spreading online. A CAPTCHA prompting to click "I'm not a robot." asks you to press a keyboard shortcut. That shortcut secretly runs malicious code leading to a compromised device. Legitimate CAPTCHAs will never ask you to press key combinations or paste anything. If you see one that does, close it immediately.

## Home Wi-Fi Running Slow?

Your Wi-Fi router actually has a correct orientation. If you lay it flat or hide it in a cabinet, you're weakening your own signal. Appliances can also weaken your signal so placing it in the kitchen is not a good idea. Keep it standing upright and place it somewhere elevated if possible.

## Netflix Price Hike

Price increases for all plans, just 14 months after its last round of hikes:

- Basic with ads: \$8 → \$9/mo.
- Standard (two streams, no ads): \$18 → \$20/mo.
- Premium (four streams, 4K): \$25 → \$27/mo.
- Extra member fee (with ads): \$6 → \$7/mo.
- Extra member fee (no ads): \$9 → \$10/mo.

## Customize Finder on Your Mac

Finder opens to "Recents" by default, but you can change it in Finder > Settings > General > Other to something like Documents or Downloads. Then enable "Show Path Bar" and "Show Status Bar" in the View menu to see your location and folder size at the bottom.

## Don't Share Your Windows Login

Give them their own account. Go to Settings > Accounts > Other Users > Add Account. They can sign in with a Microsoft account, or select "I don't have this person's sign-in information" to create a local account with its own password. Your files and settings stay yours, and theirs stay theirs.

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*Thank You*

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