

Technology Made EaZy This Spring

It's been a snowy winter, but Spring is just around the corner! March is a wonderful time for learning new skills and building your confidence with technology while you wait for warmer weather. Whether you'd like to organize photos, strengthen your online safety, or feel more comfortable using your smartphone or computer, we're here to help. Through one-on-one support or welcoming small group classes, let's grow your digital skills together!

View our class schedule: <https://www.gadgetsmaadeazy.com/classes>

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EaZy Tech Talk

YouTube TV Lower Cost Plans

YouTube TV recently announced more than 10 new affordable streaming packages. These plans are designed to give viewers more control, and potentially lower monthly bills by allowing customers to select their interests and pay for what they actually watch.

KEY POINT: These plans will be introduced over several weeks to ensure a smooth transition, so they will not be immediately available to all subscribers. When available, an option to explore plans will show under your membership information on the YouTube TV website: <https://tv.youtube.com/settings/subscriptions>

Some examples:

Sports Plan

- Approximately **\$64.99/month**
- Local broadcast networks plus sports channels
- Additional sports add-ons expected later in the year

Sports + News Plan

- Approximately **\$71.99/month**
- Local broadcast networks plus sports coverage with national and business news networks

Entertainment Plan

- Approximately **\$54.99/month**
- Local broadcast networks plus entertainment programming, including lifestyle and reality channels

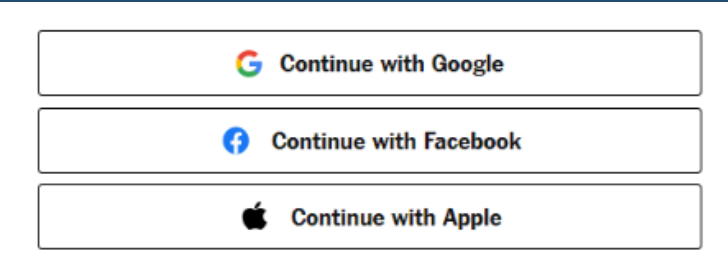
News + Entertainment + Family Plan

- Approximately **\$69.99/month**
- Local broadcast networks plus news and entertainment with family-friendly programming

Subscribers to all plans will receive the core features:

- Unlimited cloud DVR.
- Up to six household profiles per account.
- Multi-view and other enhanced viewing tools.
- Optional add-ons to enhance the plan.

Bottom Line: While new 2026 YouTube TV plans offer more choice and value, lower cost means fewer channels. Because of that, you may find that none of the new plans fit your needs. We've got the full channel line up for all plans and can help you decide!



Sign in With...Is it Safe?

Ever clicked “Sign in with Google, Apple, or Facebook”? The moment you do, you’re often sharing your name, email address, profile photo and sometimes even your phone number and birthday.

Fast forward a few months. Based on what you browse and search, platforms can start building a detailed profile of you, including:

- Your shopping habits
- Your health interests and concerns
- Your relationship status
- Your political leanings
- Your general financial situation

That’s why you search for knee pain one time and suddenly, every website you visit seems to know you’re in the market for a knee brace.

Best practice is to choose to sign in with your email and create a unique, strong password for the site.

Free Movies Without Ads?

Many public libraries provide free access to movies through digital streaming platforms. With an active library card, you can sign up for an online account, check out films right on your TV, and watch them from home. Each library has its own monthly limit on rentals or views.

Kanopy provides access to films, documentaries, classic cinema, indie releases, and educational content, along with a dedicated kids section.

Hoopla provides access to a greater variety with movies, TV shows, audiobooks, music, e-books, and comics.

It’s a cost-free way to enjoy great entertainment and get more value from your library membership. If you borrow books through Libby on your tablet or e-reader, you already have online access and simply need to create an account to start streaming!

Family Safe Word or Phrase

Research indicates that voice cloning technology has surpassed the point of being indistinguishable from real speech. The imitations are so convincing that 70% of people can’t tell them apart from genuine voices. This has opened the door for scammers, as AI can now replicate someone’s voice with up to 85% accuracy, meaning even a short recording could be enough to create a highly realistic fake.

Make sure you have the correct privacy settings in social media. Do not use voice authentication unless required. A one-time access code is safer.



Set a family code word, or even better, a phrase. If anyone calls in a crisis, ask for it. They don’t know it or get it wrong? Hang up. Don’t use anything that could be easily guessed like a pet’s name, a street you once lived on, or you mother’s maiden name. The best option is a random word that someone outside of the family would never guess is your safe word.





Quick Tips from the Gadgets Team



YouTube TV Live TV Shortcuts

When watching live TV, you can see a list of recently watched channels and flip between two channels!!

- **Quick Access Guide:** While watching a channel, press the down button on your remote three times. A mini guide of the most recently watched channels will display at the bottom of your screen.
- **Last Channel Toggle:** Long-press the OK/Select button on your remote to jump directly to the last channel watched. This is a common solution for flipping back and forth between two channels.

Pin Your Most Used Folders

- **Windows:** Open File Explorer, right-click the folder once, and select Pin to Quick Access. It will appear in the File Explorer left panel. To remove it, right-click and select Unpin.
- **Mac:** Open Finder and drag the folder into the Favorites section of the sidebar. To remove it, drag it out until you see an X.
- **Chromebook:** Right click the folder once and then choose PIN to Shelf. The folder will show on the bar, or shelf, at the bottom of the screen.

Looking for Just Released Movies?

ROW8 is a premium movie-only streaming service that operates on a rent or buy per movie model rather than a monthly subscription. It differentiates itself by offering major Hollywood titles shortly after their theatrical release and often before they are available on subscription services.

5G Cell Tower Internet - Does it work?

5G cell tower internet is increasingly viable as a high-speed alternative to traditional cable and fiber in many areas. I've been running it for 6 weeks with no problems plus the huge benefit of having internet when Xfinity was recently out due to the storm. Its performance, however, is highly dependent on signal strength at your location and network congestion.

Be Selective when Installing Apps

Always install apps from trusted sources to protect your device and personal data. Check reviews, ratings, and developer credibility before downloading. Never install apps via links in texts or emails, as these are common phishing tactics to install malware, ransomware, or spyware on your device.

We appreciate you being a part of the Gadgets Made EaZy community. Together, we can achieve amazing things!

Thank You

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