



New Stock! 17 Inch Laptops

We now have 17-inch ASUS laptops available that are ideal for users who prefer a larger display. Despite the increased screen size, these ASUS models maintain a lightweight profile, weighing under 5 pounds. They come equipped with the same core components as the 15-inch Dell laptops we stock, including comparable processors, memory (RAM), and storage capacity, so you won't be compromising on performance or functionality by opting for a larger screen.

Give us a call for more details and pricing!

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Disney Streaming Announcements

Disney+ and Hulu Changes

Disney recently announced plans to merge the Hulu streaming content into Disney+ in 2026 and retire Hulu as a stand-alone app. Currently, most Hulu content is already available on the Disney+ app, but some is only available in the Hulu app due to licensing restrictions. ESPN+ content can also be accessed through the Disney+ platform.

Hulu + Live TV will eventually be integrated into Disney+ sometime in 2026. At this time, no firm details or time frames have been announced. According to Disney, customers will still be able to buy stand-alone Hulu, ESPN+ and Disney+ plans.

ESPN Direct to Consumer

On August 21, Disney launched ESPN DTC, a new ESPN streaming plan.

- ESPN DTC costs \$29.99 a month and includes ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPNEWS, ESPN Deportes, SEC Network, ACC Network, ESPN on ABC, ESPN+, ESPN3, SECN+ and ACCNX.
- ESPN+ costs \$11.99 per month and includes all content currently available on ESPN+.



FuboTV

In January 2025, Disney agreed to combine its Hulu + Live TV with Fubo. The expected timeline for closing the sale to Disney is now anticipated to be the fourth guarter of this year or the first three months of 2026. Disney will own 70% of the company.

Disney stated that while the Hulu + Live TV service will be combined into a single company, both services will be marketed and sold separately.

Fubo recently announced they plan to launch "Fubo Sports", an innovative sports-only streaming service at an attractive price point. They stated they are expecting to launch Fubo Sports in the coming weeks. As with the Disney announcement, no firm details or time frames have been announced.



Hourly rate changes:

- Hourly Tech Rate \$110
- Hourly Computer Repair or Upgrade \$130

Fixed service rate changes:

- Data transfer/new computer setup \$275
- Computer clean-up \$110



E-Reader or a Tablet?

Kindle Paperwhite or Kindle Colorsoft

These are dedicated e-readers, perfect for those who mainly want to read. They're designed specifically for downloading and reading eBooks, magazines, and newspapers from the Amazon Kindle store. Compared to tablets, they are more affordable, have a much longer battery life, and are smaller and lighter, making them easier to carry and hold.

However, you can't install apps, check email, or browse the web. All content must be purchased or delivered through the Kindle store. For example, to borrow a library book, you'll need to use a separate device to borrow the book and then deliver the book to your Kindle.

Kindle Fire Tablet

The Kindle Fire is a multipurpose tablet that supports web browsing, video streaming, gaming, and app usage in addition to reading. Like Kindle e-readers, it's

Price Changes Effective October 1st

We've worked hard to keep our prices steady since January 2024, and we don't make this decision lightly. However, with the continued rise in costs, particularly in retaining skilled staff and maintaining high-quality products and services, a price adjustment has become necessary to ensure we can continue delivering the standard of service and quality you rely on.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We truly appreciate your continued support!

budget-friendly and generally smaller and lighter than other tablets, though its battery life is shorter than that of the dedicated e-readers.

You can install apps, check email, and access the internet directly from the device. You can also download books directly through apps like Libby and have them delivered straight to your Kindle library. However, since it's a general-use screen rather than one optimized for reading, prolonged use may lead to eye strain.

Apple iPad

The iPad is a versatile tablet built for web browsing, video streaming, gaming, and running a wide range of apps. While it isn't specifically designed as an e-reader, it can certainly function as one. However, it tends to be more expensive, larger, and heavier than dedicated e-readers.

It supports a variety of reading apps, including Kindle, Libby, Apple Books, and Audible. However, its screen is not optimized solely for reading, so adjusting the brightness is often necessary for comfortable use.

Which is right for you? That depends on your needs and budget. If you just want to read, an e-reader might be the better choice. But if you want a device that can do more, a tablet like the iPad may be best.

From the Gadgets Watercooler

Amazon Safety Recall Scam

Scammers are sending fake Amazon product recall alerts to trick victims into clicking malicious links. The message claims that a recent purchase doesn't meet Amazon's safety standards and urges immediate action by warning that the item may be unsafe to use. It includes a link for more information and a refund.

Don't click on any links, instead go to Amazon, select Your Account and then go into Message Center to find any legitimate messages.



New Apple Devices Coming in September

iPhone 17 - Projected to be released in mid-September the new iPhone will boast a slimmer style, new colors, and camera tweaks. A new iOS 26 with "Liquid Glass" user interface and additional AI features.

Apple Watch Series 11 - An improved chip, better battery, possible BP monitoring. A new watchOS 26 with new Al features.

These are just two of the items being talked about but complete details won't be known until Apple actually releases the products in September.



Why Devices Need Secure Access Enabled

Devices need a passcode, password, PIN, or some other login method to protect your data, privacy, and security. Secure access benefits include:

- Prevent Unauthorized Access Someone who picks up your device could have access to all of your contacts, notes, and email.
- Protect Personal and Sensitive Information -Your family members are likely favorite contacts, your pictures, perhaps notes or documents with passwords associated with them are open to access.
- Helps Secure Your Device from Theft Should someone pick up your device, without knowing your unlock code, the most they can get is your emergency contact information. Depending upon the device, they cannot even reset it and claim it as their own.

In short, a passcode turns your device from an open book into a locked safe.

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