

Beyond Cable:

Learn how to lower your cable bill and discover alternatives to traditional cable packages



Before you cut the cable:

- What programs do you watch?
- When do you want to see programs? When they air, a few days after, or after the season is complete?
- Are your programs available to stream? Note which providers have them.

Can I stream it? (<http://www.canistream.it/>) and Justwatch (<http://www.justwatch.com/us>) can help you find where to stream programs and movies from.

- Check [TV Fool](#) to see which over the air (OTA) stations you can get.
- Information about antennas can be found at:
 - The [FCC](https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/antennas-and-digital-television) (<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/antennas-and-digital-television>)
 - [Tom's Guide Best Indoor HDTV Antennas of 2017](#)
- When you have a list of content providers, see which devices offer them.
- Do you have a lot of content on Amazon, iTunes, and/or Google Play? You may want to go with a device that works best with what you already use.
- Does your TV have an HDMI port? If it does, you can use any device. If it does not, the Roku 2 is your best option unless you get a converter (approx. \$30).
- Do you want to cut cable or use streaming media to supplement it?

Streaming Services	Cable Replacements	Devices
Netflix	PlayStation Vue	Antennas - Mohu Leaf / Clear TV
Hulu	Sling TV	Apple TV
Amazon Prime Video	HBO Now	Chromecast
Yahoo View	Showtime streaming service	Amazon Fire TV
Hoopla (IPPL)	CBS All Access	Roku
	YouTube TV	Smart TVs



Resources

- [How to Watch Live News With Roku, Chromecast, Fire TV, Apple TV, and More!](#)
- [Streaming Media Player Comparison Chart to Cut the Cord on Cable TV](#)
- [Best Free Streaming Sites Reviewed](#)
- [Best Streaming Services 2017](#)
- [Guide to Streaming Video Services](#)
- [Consumer Reports Guide to Streaming Video Services](#)
- [FCC Household Bandwidth Guide](#)
- Consumer Reports (Library Card Number Required) - To log in go to lpl.info and from the top menu select Learning & Research and then select Consumer. Search for: Streaming media player, streaming video service, TV Buying Guide