

Summary of Steps to Cut the Cord

1. Cancel all cable and phone services except for internet.

- Do the math - the savings may be worth early termination costs!
- Find the best provider who offers the best value for your money.
- Buy your own cable modem, router and WiFi point. Don't pay excessive rental fees!

2. Try the free trials on the subscription services, then keep the ones you like.

- Netflix for movies and most older TV series, through prior season
- Hulu for more TV series, often through current episodes
- Amazon Video for pay-per-view TV shows and movies, and original content (Prime customers have access to much of the content already)
- Vudu, iTunes, GooglePlay, and PrimeVideo for pay-per-view TV shows and movies
- Consider the "streaming cable" providers like Sling...and many more options!

3. Buy a good streaming device for your primary video system (or use one you already have).

- Roku is the best all-around choice for most newcomers – independent and easy to use.
- Amazon Fire Stick/TV is a good choice if you're an Amazon Prime customer.
- Google Chromecast is a good choice if you have good smartphones, tablets or laptops to use.

4. See if a local TV antenna brings you any usable broadcast stations.

- Visit www.fcc.gov/engineering/dtvmaps for specific channel availability in your area.
- Visit www.AntennasDirect.com for good information and product reviews.

5. Change to an independent internet phone provider.

- Vonage is probably the best choice for most households – inexpensive, standard, feature-rich.
- OomaTelo is also good but works differently.
- MagicJack is also a viable option.
- Yes, you can port your existing numbers, and cheap international service is available.