

Streaming Devices 101

Streaming devices are easier to use and more accessible than ever. If you're cutting the cord, you'll have several options at your fingertips. This cheat sheet gives you a brief overview of what you can expect with the most popular streaming devices available.

Smart TVs



Many smart TVs these days, especially those that support 4K and HDR, will likely come equipped with an internet connection and streaming apps available. However, if you don't have a smart TV, or you're looking for the best experience possible, a separate device might be just what you need.

Best for: Direct Internet connection

Amazon Fire TV Cube



If you have an HDR-compatible TV and you want to use Alexa to its fullest extent, grab an Amazon Cube. Hook it up to your TV and enjoy 16 GB of storage. Plus, it's 4K capable right out of the box.

Best for: Amazon Alexa Owners, Amazon Prime Subscribers

Amazon Fire TV Stick 4K



Much less expensive but still just as great is the Amazon Fire TV Stick.

It has less robust Alexa capabilities and no storage, but you'll have access to all the HDR/4K streaming functionality of the cube in a smaller, more affordable package.

Best for: Amazon Prime Subscribers, Cord-Cutters

Roku Premiere +



Roku Premiere + is like Roku, but designed better and supports HDR and 4K.

This set hooks into your TV via a separate but included HDMI cable. You'll then have access to Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and more.

Best for: Cord-Cutters on Budget, New to Streaming Tech

Google Chromecast Ultra



Google's streaming plugs directly into your TV with no hassle.

Supporting HDR and 4K, you can access popular streaming services and Google's Play Store, which has many more apps and services to choose from.

Best for: Fans of Google Products, Hands-Free

Apple TV® 4K



Apple's popular Apple TV product now supports 4K and HDR. Plus, it also supports Dolby Atmos for a truly stellar sound experience.

You'll have access to all the big streaming services, certain on-demand channels, apps, the ability to control everything with your voice via Siri.

Best for: Fans of Apple Products, iPhone Users

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