

Cut the Cable

This paper is about what you can do to watch what you want and not have to pay the very high cable TV bills.

Comcast or Centurylink. What is the difference? They each have internet access. CL is on a DSL line and the maximum speed you can purchase is up to 25mps at this time. Notice I said up to. Your actual speed depends on how far away from their distribution center you are and how many are on the line at the same time. Do not be surprised if your actual speed is 6mps or less. Check it with a speed checking app like speedtest.net.



I am using Comcast and the above screenshot is my speed this morning. It is quite a bit faster than anything Centurylink can provide.

They each are able to provide programming for you to watch. Comcast has their own cable network while Centurylink is using Direct TV.

They each provide telephone service. Comcast uses VOIP which uses the internet connection while Centurylink uses a twisted pair landline.

Bill is too high for for? Cut the cable connection. All you need is an internet connection. Either company will do but I think the best price is from Comcast right now.

Get a VOIP phone system like Ooma. It is \$99. The only fee is to pay the taxes each month which is less than \$5. When you switch you can elect to port your existing number to them so nothing changes. You friends will still

call the same number to reach you. Another option is to not have a house phone by porting the house number to a cell phone.

Remember those old [rabbit ears](#) we used years ago to watch TV? You can get an antenna for your TV that will allow you to pick up over 30 local channels including news and weather. Just screw the connector into the back of your TV. Let your TV scan for channels (right from your remote) and you are done.

What about programming? What about those TV shows I like to watch or movies? I added a [Roku](#) box. It plugs into an HDMI port on your TV and hooks to the Internet using WiFi or an ethernet cable. One time charge for the box, just like the Ooma phone. But NO monthly charge. There are thousands of channels, some you pay for with a subscription and many are free. I pay for [Netflix](#) and watch many TV shows without commercials. There is a [Pandora](#) channel where you can listen to your kind of music all day for free. And much much more.

Now you have Internet access, a phone for under \$5 a month, local TV channels, and all the movies and more you want for much less than your provider is charging.