



Streaming Photos and Videos to your TV

With the holidays fast approaching many of us will be taking a lot of photos and videos with our smartphones. (For help taking better photos and videos see my [June 2017 newsletter](#).) With friends and relatives gathered around you might be wondering how to display your photos and videos on your big TV screen instead of passing around your small cell phone screen. When we project our photos, videos or music from our cell phone (or computer) to our TV screen we call that "streaming" or "casting" or "mirroring" or "media sharing". There are many different ways to accomplish this depending on the different devices you are using; it can get very complicated very quickly; so first make a list of what devices you currently own.

Smart TVs

If you have a newer smart TVs, (a smart TV is one that connects to the Internet on its own and has built-in apps), then you may be able to download an app to your smartphone that works with your TV. This would be the simplest way to get your smartphone photos and videos to the TV screen so it is worth a try. Here are some smart TV manufacturer's apps:

	iOS (iPhone & iPad)	Android
LG	https://goo.gl/sAq8Kc	https://goo.gl/fwtcNX
Samsung	https://goo.gl/oekYjt	https://goo.gl/PVkNTz
Sony (3rd party app)	https://goo.gl/B58KeU	https://goo.gl/AE6Bwx
TCL	https://goo.gl/uSvus7	https://goo.gl/HDUSxR
Vizio	https://goo.gl/wH7kdL	https://goo.gl/EwQNA2

Simply download the app to your smartphone then open the app and follow the onscreen instructions on how to stream your photos and

videos to your TV.



Streaming Devices

If you do not own a newer smart TV, or downloading a manufacturer's app does not work, then you may be able to stream your photos and videos using a third party streaming device. These devices connect to your TV using an available HDMI port and then your smartphones photos and video could be sent to the device to be displayed on the TV. Here is a list of popular streaming devices and the apps to download on your smartphone:

	iOS (iPhone & iPad)	Android
Google Chromecast	https://goo.gl/8s2U9k	https://goo.gl/gUrZ98
Amazon FireTV (3rd party app)	https://goo.gl/ZhRv3e	https://goo.gl/YLQCwC
Apple TV	https://goo.gl/Vn7eW7	https://goo.gl/Jws3mx
Roku	https://goo.gl/MUZRhF	https://goo.gl/mc5C4H

Connect one of these streaming devices to an available HDMI port on your TV, switch your TV input to that HDMI port, download the app to your smartphone, open the app and follow the onscreen instructions to connect to the streaming device and send your photos and videos to the device.

Universal Casting/Streaming Apps

Sometimes you will have to use a third party app to "cast" your photos and videos to your TV. These are the most popular third party apps:

	iOS (iPhone & iPad)	Android
AllCast	https://goo.gl/37s9PL	https://goo.gl/FeaaR4
Video & TV Cast	Various, see website	Various, see website

If your TV or streaming device and smartphone are having trouble communicating with each other, for any number of reasons, sometimes using a third party app such as [AllCast](#) or [Video & TV Cast](#) will bridge the

divide.

Hopefully with your devices you will be able to easily display your photos and videos on your TV, but if not let me know and I will try to figure out how to accomplish it with your devices. Happy Holidays!

More info:

[Tom's Guide - How to Stream Video to a TV from a Computer, Tablet or Phone](#)

[Apple - Use AirPlay or Screen Mirroring on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch](#)

[Gizmodo - Stream Practically Anything to an Apple TV With These 5 Apps](#)

[MacWorld - How to stream from Android to Apple TV](#)

[Amazon - Use Display Mirroring on Amazon Fire TV](#)

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