

Tech Upgrades

Have you been thinking about upgrading some of the tech in your life? Recently I noticed some pretty good deals on new iPads and I thought I would pass them on to you. Sometimes deals expire or sell out quickly so don't hesitate if you need something new.

Apple iPad

If your iPad needs are basic, the 32GB model for \$249 will be sufficient for most people. If you like to store lots of photos, music and videos (did you know you can [download select Netflix shows and movies](#) to iPads to watch on the plane or in the car), then maybe opt for the larger 128GB model for \$330. There are iPads larger and smaller than this model, but this is basically the size of the original iPad.



Amazon offers the 6th-generation (2018) [Apple iPad 9.7" 32GB WiFi Tablet](#) in Silver, Space Gray or Gold (make sure to click on the color you want) for \$249 with free shipping. If you need more storage capacity, the [Apple iPad 9.7" 128GB model](#) is only \$330.

[Apple - Identify your iPad model](#)

It features:

- 9.7-inch Retina display
- A10 Fusion chip with 64-bit desktop-class architecture
- Touch ID fingerprint sensor

- 8MP camera with 1080p video and 1.2MP FaceTime HD camera
- 802.11ac Wi-Fi with MIMO
- Up to 10 hours of battery life
- Two speaker audio
- Bluetooth 4.2 technology



Apple MacBook Air Laptop

If you are in the market for a new Mac laptop, Amazon offers the [2017 Apple MacBook Air](#) Intel Broadwell Core i7 2.2GHz 13.3" Laptop for \$800 with free shipping. It only has 128GB SSD so make sure you don't need more than that. Light computer users will be fine, but let me know if you are not sure.

It features:

- Intel Core i7-5650U 2.2GHz Broadwell dual-core processor
- 13.3" 1440x900 LED Retina display
- 8GB RAM & 128GB SSD
- 2 USB 3.0 ports
- macOS



Android Cell phone (2 for 1)

Motorola offers two Unlocked [Motorola Moto G5S Plus](#) 32GB 4G LTE Android Smartphones in Gray or Gold for \$249.99 (\$125 each) with free shipping. (Add two phones to cart to see this price.) Unlocked means it is not locked to any carrier and this model phone works on all four carriers (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, Sprint).

It features:

- 5.5" IPS 1920x1080 (1080p) touchscreen
- Qualcomm Snapdragon 625 2GHz 8-core processor
- 3GB RAM
- 32GB internal storage
- 8MP front- and 13MP rear-facing cameras
- Android 7.1 (Nougat)
- Note: The phone is compatible with all major U.S. carriers.



12 and 24 Month Contracts with your TV/Internet Provider(s)

I just want to make sure that everyone knows that you should always be on a 12 or 24 month contract with Verizon, Xfinity (Comcast), CenturyLink, RCN, AT&T DirecTV, Dish, etc. in order to get the best deal on your TV, Internet and landline service (I'm not talking about your cell phone service here). As soon as your contract expires, they will raise your "month to month" rate and that is why you see such a price jump on your bill. If you are not planning on moving anytime soon, always call your provider just before your contract is up and ask for the best deal they are currently offering if you sign up for another 12 or 24 months. Also, make sure they have not added on monthly fees for services or insurance that you do not want or need. I have Internet only with Xfinity and my normally reasonable \$50/month jumps to \$65/month when I'm not on a contract. BTW, last year I was able to get my \$50 rate by signing into my account on the Internet, I did not even need to call.

Let me know if you need any help upgrading your devices or locking in a 12 or 24 month contract with your provider.

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