10 Tech Tips That Save You Money

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1. Lower your thermostat remotely

Use your phone to turn the heat down when nobody's home. Smart thermostats pay for themselves in under a year through lower energy bills.

2. Stop paying for ringtones

Your phone can make ringtones from any song you already own, free. Never pay 99 cents for a 30-second clip again.

3. Use your library's free streaming

Most public libraries give you free movies, audiobooks, and courses through apps like Libby and Kanopy. That's Netflix and Audible money back in your pocket.

4. Cancel subscriptions you forgot

Check your bank statement for recurring charges you don't use. The average person wastes over $130 a year on forgotten subscriptions.

5. Buy refurbished tech

Manufacturer-refurbished phones and laptops cost 30-40% less and carry the same warranty. Apple, Samsung, and Dell all sell them directly.

6. Use free Wi-Fi calling abroad

Turn on Wi-Fi calling before you travel and make calls over hotel Wi-Fi instead of paying roaming fees that run dollars per minute.

7. Print at the library

Black-and-white prints cost 10-15 cents at most libraries versus the fortune inkjet cartridges cost you at home.

8. Share streaming plans legally

Most streaming services offer family or multi-screen plans that split cleanly between households. Check each service's terms — many allow it.

9. Use price-tracking tools

Browser extensions like CamelCamelCamel alert you when prices drop on things you want. Never overpay on Amazon again.

10. Go paperless for the discount

Many insurers, banks, and utilities give you a monthly discount just for switching to paperless billing and autopay. It takes five minutes per account.

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