TECH FOR SMART HOMES

Want to get smart? Learn all about the tech now available (and soon-to-be-available) that can make your home smarter!





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Whether you just love gadgets or want to make your life easier, having integrated smart devices with a control system can do the trick! These resources are more affordable and accessible than ever.

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SMART HOME SECURITY

You've probably seen on the news how digital video doorbells can keep people safe. And they're not the only smart home security device available! Here's an overview of what you can buy to keep your home and family safe.

Remote door locks: provide access on a timer or remotely check to see if you remembered to lock the door (and then lock it from wherever you are).

Cameras: security cameras are now wireless and infrared, giving you the ability to see the perimeter of your home from anywhere, day or night.

Microphones: cameras and video doorbells now come equipped with mics, giving homeowners the ability to also hear what is being said.

Remote heating/cooling control: want to turn the temp up or down? Set it on a rotation with digital monitors and login to check it or change the temperature.

Environmental security: go beyond your roofline and install speakers or cameras in your landscaping or exterior points for added security and peace of mind.

Overall Security: large-scale systems have easy-to-install sensors, cameras and microphones that can provide full coverage for your home. This will give you the ability to remotely control door locks, cameras, heating/cooling systems and a video doorbell.



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SMART HOME ENTERTAINMENT

Whether you want an integrated sound system or home theater, smart home entertainment devices are the most cost-effective, easy-to-use options out there. This is a great entry point into the world of smart home tools.

Surround sound: no more does the full theater experience require going out or major installs. Smart speakers can wirelessly connect and you can control the levels from your phone.

Smart displays: hands-free video calls on a tablet, streaming recipes on a mounted device or tablet is possible with Echo Show, Portal or other smart screens designed with this use in mind.

Smart TVs: smart TVs may be 4K or HDR10+ and can be operated with universal remotes. For an even bigger smart display, you can upgrade to a smart projector and get an affordable in-home movie theater going!





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SMART HOME APPLIANCES

Want more perfectly cooked dinners or wrinkle-free clothes? Common appliances are getting the upgrade! Learn how digital appliances can all work for you.

Smart thermostats: Nest and other manufacturers make thermostats that can learn your temperature preferences, manage energy and send text message alerts.

Smart washer/dryers: get notifications about cycles, download new washer/dryer cycle settings, find problems and adjust settings with voice commands.

Smart refrigerators: use digital screens for shopping lists, get alerts if the fridge is open and regulate temperature in different zones, all from your phone.

Smart monitors: air quality and even carbon monoxide and other traditional monitors have gotten upgraded to "smart" status with app-integrations and real time warnings and alerts.





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MANAGING YOUR SMART HOME SYSTEM

The most important part of integrating smart devices in your home for any use is to have a command central. Whether this is an app or other control system, one of these options is the best way to activate your home's upgraded intelligence features.

Mesh WiFi: part of managing a smart home system is having the WiFi power to run it. Google and other large companies now sell blanket WiFi coverage with mini-routers, or nodes. You can install these yourself and accelerate WiFi coverage throughout your whole home, ensuring that your smart devices aren't disrupted.

Hubs: managing all of your devices and appliances may require a Google Home or Alexa device. There are additional options from other companies. The most important thing to understand is how that single device will integrate with the rest of the components in your system. You can buy these as part of large packages and then, as you add on, be sure to double-check compatibility.





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LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME?

Whether you are looking to buy or sell, I can help! Many new homes come with smart devices and integrations. Even those that don't can be easily upgraded.



CONTACT ME FOR ALL OF THE LATEST, INNOVATIVE, TECH-SAVVY HOMES IN YOUR AREA.



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