



Movies, Shows and Audiobooks for the Trip

No Signal Needed Download shows, music and books before you leave the house

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THE 60-SECOND VERSION

1. The Whole Idea in One Glance

If you remember only this page, you will still get most of the benefit.

Streaming apps like Netflix, Disney+, and Prime Video can save shows onto your phone so they play with no internet at all. Music apps like Spotify and Apple Music do the same with songs, and library apps read whole books aloud for free. You set it all up at home, then watch and listen on the plane or in the car without using any data.

- Download movies and shows in the Netflix, Disney+, or Prime Video app
- Save music playlists in Spotify or Apple Music for offline play
- Borrow free audiobooks from your library with the Libby app
- Grab a few podcast episodes for the drive
- Do it all on home Wi-Fi the night before you leave

GOOD TO KNOW

Downloading uses the internet, but playing a download does not. That is the whole point: once it is on your device, the movie or song lives in your pocket and needs no signal to enjoy.

WHY DOWNLOAD

2. Why Downloading Beats Streaming on a Trip

Streaming means the show arrives over the internet as you watch, a little at a time. That works fine at home, but on a plane there is no internet, and on a road trip the signal comes and goes. The picture freezes, the audiobook stops, and the fun drains out of it.

A download is the opposite. You pull the whole show or song onto your device ahead of time, so it is already there waiting. No buffering, no spinning circle, no using up a data plan. It simply plays, the same as a DVD used to, except it lives inside your phone.

TIP

Even when there is Wi-Fi on a plane, it is often slow and costs money. A download you made at home sidesteps all of that and plays flawlessly from takeoff.

PHONE OR TABLET

3. Choosing the Device to Load Up

You can download onto a phone or a tablet, whichever you prefer to hold. A tablet gives you a bigger screen for movies, which is easier on the eyes, while a phone is lighter and always in your pocket. Music and audiobooks sound the same on either.

- A tablet is lovely for movies thanks to the larger screen
- A phone is handy for music and books you listen to with eyes closed
- A laptop can download from some services too, though phones are simplest
- Whatever you pick, charge it fully before you leave

TIP

If you have a tablet gathering dust in a drawer, a trip is the perfect reason to dust it off. A bigger screen turns a cramped airline seat into a little movie theater.

DO IT AT HOME

4. Why You Must Download Before You Leave

This is the single most important habit, so I will say it plainly: do all your downloading at home, on your own Wi-Fi, before you walk out the door. Hotel Wi-Fi is slow and spotty, airport Wi-Fi is crowded, and your cell data plan can run up a bill if you download big movies over it.

A movie can be a couple of gigabytes, which is a large amount of data. On home Wi-Fi it comes down in a few minutes and costs nothing. Try the same thing on cell data and you could blow through your whole monthly allowance on one film.

WATCH OUT

Never start a big download on cell data unless you are certain you have the data to spare. The night before, on home Wi-Fi, is the safe and free time to do it.

STORAGE SPACE

5. Making Sure You Have Room

Downloads take up space on your device, the same way groceries take up room in a cupboard. If the cupboard is already full of photos and apps, there may be no room for a movie. The good news is you can check and clear space in a minute or two.

- A single movie uses roughly one to four gigabytes of space
- A season of a TV show can use several gigabytes
- Music and audiobooks use far less than video
- Most phones show how much free space you have in Settings under Storage

TIP

If space is tight, download one or two movies rather than ten. You can always delete the ones you have finished and grab fresh ones on the next Wi-Fi you reach.

FREEING SPACE

6. Clearing Room When the Device Is Full

If your device warns that storage is full, do not panic. A little tidying usually frees plenty of room for a few shows. The biggest space hogs are old videos you took, apps you never use, and downloads from a past trip you forgot to delete.

- 1 Open Settings and find Storage, sometimes under General
- 2 Look at what is using the most space
- 3 Delete old downloaded movies and shows you have already watched
- 4 Remove apps you do not use anymore
- 5 Back up and clear out old videos that are already saved to the cloud

GOOD TO KNOW

Deleting a downloaded movie does not delete it from Netflix or the service. It only removes the copy on your device. You can download it again any time you are on Wi-Fi.

NETFLIX

7. Downloading a Show on Netflix

Netflix makes downloading simple inside its app. You look for a little downward arrow next to a movie or episode, tap it, and the show copies onto your device. When it finishes, you find it in a Downloads area and play it with no internet.

- 1 Open the Netflix app on your phone or tablet while on Wi-Fi
- 2 Find a movie or show you want to take along
- 3 Tap the download arrow, which looks like an arrow pointing down into a line
- 4 Wait for it to finish, which takes a few minutes per movie
- 5 Find it later under Downloads, or My Netflix, to play offline

GOOD TO KNOW

Not everything on Netflix can be downloaded, because some titles have rules against it. If a title has no download arrow, it cannot be saved. Simply pick another; plenty can be downloaded.

DISNEY+ AND PRIME

8. Downloading on Disney+ and Prime Video

Disney+ and Prime Video work almost exactly like Netflix. You open the app, find your show, and tap a download icon. On Disney+ you can often tap a download icon next to a whole season to grab every episode at once, which is handy for a long series.

- In Disney+, tap the download icon on a title's page
- In Prime Video, tap Download under a movie or beside an episode
- Downloaded titles appear in a Downloads tab in each app
- A download icon next to a season grabs the whole run in one tap

WATCH OUT

For a series you love, downloading a full season before a long flight means you never run out partway through. One tap on the season, and you are set for hours.

WHICH TITLES

9. Why Some Titles Will Not Download

You will notice that most shows offer a download button but a few do not. This is not a fault with your phone. It is the studios that own the show deciding whether it can be saved offline, and the rules differ by title, by country, and sometimes by your subscription plan.

The simple rule is to look for the download icon on each title's own page. If it is there, you can save it. If it is missing, that title must be streamed and cannot travel offline. There is no need to hunt for a setting; the app simply hides the button when a title is not allowed.

GOOD TO KNOW

Downloads can also expire after a set time or once you watch them, and some plans limit how many titles you may hold at once. If a download vanishes, it usually just expired, and you can grab it again.

DOWNLOAD QUALITY

10. Picture Quality and Saving Space

Most streaming apps let you choose how sharp a download looks. A higher quality looks a touch crisper but uses much more space. A standard or standard-quality setting looks perfectly good on a phone or tablet and lets you fit far more shows.

- Look in the app's settings for a Download Quality option
- Standard quality saves space and looks fine on small screens
- Higher quality is nicer on a big tablet but fills storage fast
- On a phone, standard is almost always the sensible choice

TIP

On a small screen at arm's length, you truly cannot tell standard from high quality. Pick standard and enjoy twice as many movies in the same space.

MUSIC OFFLINE

11. Taking Your Music Along

Music apps download the same way shows do, and a downloaded playlist is a wonderful companion for a drive or a walk. Spotify and Apple Music are the two most popular, and both let you save albums and playlists onto your device to play with no signal.

One thing to know: Spotify's offline downloads need a paid Premium account, while its free version always requires a connection. Apple Music is a paid service to begin with, so its downloads are included. Either way, the music plays from your device once saved, using no data.

GOOD TO KNOW

A downloaded playlist is perfect for a road trip because it never cuts out when you drive through a dead zone. The songs are already in your phone, waiting.

SPOTIFY

12. Downloading a Playlist on Spotify

In Spotify, you open a playlist or album and flip a download switch. The app pulls every song onto your device, and a small green arrow shows when they are ready to play offline. This needs a Premium account, so check you have one first.

- 1 Open the Spotify app while on home Wi-Fi
- 2 Go to a playlist or album you want to take
- 3 Tap the download arrow or the Download toggle near the top
- 4 Wait for the green arrow to appear on each song
- 5 In Settings under Playback, you can turn on Offline mode to be sure

TIP

To save a single favorite song, add it to a playlist of your own and download that whole playlist. Spotify downloads by the playlist or album, not song by song.

APPLE MUSIC

13. Downloading on Apple Music

Apple Music works a little differently. You first add a song, album, or playlist to your library, then download it. On an iPhone it is built in; on an Android phone you use the Apple Music app from the store.

- 1 Find the album or playlist you want in Apple Music
- 2 Add it to your library with the plus button
- 3 Press and hold it, or tap the three dots, and choose Download
- 4 A downloaded badge shows it is saved for offline play
- 5 To free space later, choose Remove Download without losing it from your library

GOOD TO KNOW

Removing a download is not the same as deleting the music. The album stays in your library, and you can download it again whenever you are on Wi-Fi.

PODCASTS

14. Loading Up on Podcasts

Podcasts are free talk shows on every subject you can imagine, from history to gardening to old radio mysteries. They are small files, so you can download many for a trip without using much space. Your phone likely has a podcast app built in already.

- On an iPhone, the purple Podcasts app is built in
- On Android, Spotify or Google's apps handle podcasts well
- Search for a show, then tap a download arrow on each episode
- Many apps can auto-download new episodes of shows you follow

TIP

Set a favorite podcast to download new episodes automatically while on Wi-Fi. Then there is always something fresh waiting on your phone before any trip, with no effort.

AUDIOBOOKS FREE

15. Free Audiobooks From Your Library With Libby

Here is a gem many people miss: your public library lends audiobooks and ebooks for free through an app called Libby. All you need is a library card. You borrow a book just as you would in the building, except it arrives on your phone and reads itself aloud.

Libby is made by a company called OverDrive and works with most American public libraries, including those in Portage County. You can even connect more than one library card if you belong to several systems, which gives you a bigger catalog to borrow from.

GOOD TO KNOW

Libby costs nothing and has no ads. The books are borrowed, so they return themselves at the end of the loan, which means no late fees, ever.

SETTING UP LIBBY

16. Getting Started With Libby

Setting up Libby takes a few minutes and only needs your library card number. Once it is linked, borrowing a book is as easy as tapping Borrow, and you can download it to listen offline on a plane or in the car.

- 1 Download the Libby app from your phone's app store
- 2 Open it and let it help you find your library by name or zip code
- 3 Enter your library card number when asked
- 4 Search for an audiobook and tap Borrow
- 5 Tap to download it, then find it on your Shelf to listen offline

WATCH OUT

If you do not have a library card, the Portage County District Library can set you up, often in minutes. It is one of the best free things your tax dollars already pay for.

AUDIBLE

17. Audible and Other Paid Audiobook Apps

If your library does not have the title you want, or there is a long wait, a paid service like Audible offers a huge catalog you buy or borrow with a membership. It works much like Libby: you pick a book, download it, and listen offline.

- Audible is owned by Amazon and has a very large selection
- You typically pay a monthly fee that includes a book or credits
- Download each book in the app while on Wi-Fi to listen offline
- Audible also carries many podcasts you can download

GOOD TO KNOW

Try Libby first, since it is free. Turn to a paid service only for a specific book your library does not carry or has a long hold line for.

AUDIOBOOK COMFORT

18. Making Audiobooks Easy to Enjoy

Audiobook apps have gentle features that make long listening comfortable. You can speed the narrator up or slow them down, set a sleep timer so it stops after you doze off, and pick up right where you left off even if you close the app.

- A speed control lets you slow a fast reader down a little
- A sleep timer stops playback after a set number of minutes
- The app remembers your spot, so you never lose your place
- Bookmarks let you mark a passage you want to find again

GOOD TO KNOW

The sleep timer is a favorite for bedtime listening. If you drift off, the book pauses on its own, and Libby makes it easy to find your spot again in the morning.

HEADPHONES

19. Choosing Headphones for the Trip

Watching or listening on a trip is far nicer with your own headphones, and you have two broad choices: wired headphones that plug in, and wireless ones that connect by Bluetooth. Both work well, and the right pick depends on your device and what feels comfortable.

- Wired headphones plug into a jack and never need charging
- Bluetooth headphones connect without any wire but need charging
- Over-the-ear styles block more noise, which helps on a plane
- A comfortable fit matters more than a fancy brand

TIP

Noise-reducing headphones are a real gift on a loud airplane. They quiet the engine drone so you can hear your show at a lower, kinder volume.

WIRED ADAPTERS

20. When Your Phone Has No Headphone Jack

Many newer phones no longer have the little round headphone hole. If your wired headphones will not plug in, you need a small adapter that turns the phone's charging port into a headphone jack. They are inexpensive and sold wherever phones are sold.

- An iPhone without a jack needs a Lightning or USB-C adapter, matching your model
- An Android phone usually needs a USB-C adapter
- The adapter plugs into the charging port, and your headphones plug into it
- Buy one that matches your exact phone to be safe

WATCH OUT

The adapter must match your phone's port. If you are unsure which you need, bring your phone to the store, or I can tell you in a quick visit so you buy the right one the first time.

BLUETOOTH PAIRING

21. Pairing Bluetooth Headphones

Bluetooth is just a way for your headphones to talk to your phone without a wire. Connecting them the first time is called pairing, and you do it once. After that, they reconnect on their own whenever you turn them on near your phone.

- 1 Turn on your headphones and put them in pairing mode, often by holding a button until a light blinks
- 2 On your phone, open Settings and tap Bluetooth
- 3 Make sure Bluetooth is switched on
- 4 Tap your headphones' name when it appears in the list
- 5 Wait for it to say Connected, and you are done

TIP

Pair your headphones at home before the trip, not in a hurry at the gate. Once paired, they remember your phone and reconnect automatically every time.

SOUND TROUBLE

22. When the Sound Comes Out the Wrong Place

Once in a while the movie plays but the sound comes from the phone's speaker instead of your headphones, or the other way around. This is almost always a simple Bluetooth hiccup, and it is easy to fix without any fuss.

- Check that your headphones are turned on and charged
- Open Bluetooth settings and confirm they say Connected
- Tap your headphones in the list to send sound to them
- If stuck, turn the headphones off and on to reconnect

GOOD TO KNOW

Bluetooth connects to one device at a time. If your headphones are still joined to the television at home, they may not connect to your phone until you turn that off.

SEATBACK SCREENS

23. The Airline's Seatback Screen

Many planes have a small screen in the seat in front of you with movies and shows built in. That is nice and free, but the selection is limited, the screen is small, and you cannot pause it to stretch your legs and come back easily. Your own downloads give you far more choice.

The seatback screen also often needs wired headphones with a particular two-pronged plug, and the sound quality can be poor. Bringing your own device loaded with your own favorites, plus comfortable headphones, usually makes for a much better flight.

TIP

Use the seatback screen for a backup or a map of the flight, but lean on your own downloaded shows for the real entertainment. You picked them, and they are yours.

OWN DEVICE

24. Watching on Your Own Device

Watching on your own phone or tablet means you control everything: what you watch, when you pause, and how loud it is. A small folding stand or a case that props the tablet up frees your hands and sets the screen at a comfortable angle on the tray table.

- A phone or tablet stand props the screen up on the tray
- Download before you leave so there is no reliance on plane Wi-Fi
- Charge fully and bring a power bank for a long flight
- Headphones keep your show private and let you hear it clearly

TIP

A cheap folding stand turns your tray table into a comfortable little cinema. Pair it with downloaded movies and good headphones, and the hours fly by.

LONG FLIGHT KIT

25. What to Pack for a Long Flight

A long flight is where all this preparation pays off. With a loaded device and the right odds and ends in your carry-on, you can keep yourself happily occupied from the gate to the baggage claim without ever touching airplane Wi-Fi.

- A phone or tablet with movies, music, and a book downloaded
- Comfortable headphones, charged if they are Bluetooth
- A power bank to top up the battery mid-flight
- The right charging cable and any headphone adapter you need
- A small stand to prop up the screen

GOOD TO KNOW

Pack all of this in your carry-on, never in a checked bag. You want your entertainment with you in the cabin, not riding in the hold where you cannot reach it.

ROAD TRIP

26. Entertainment for a Long Drive

A road trip is different from a flight because the driver must keep eyes on the road. That makes audiobooks, podcasts, and music the stars of the show. A good audiobook can make five hours of highway pass like one, for the driver and passengers alike.

- Download audiobooks and playlists before you leave home
- Connect the phone to the car so sound comes through the speakers
- Let a passenger handle picking the next book or playlist
- Movies are for passengers only, never the driver

WATCH OUT

The driver should never watch a screen. Audiobooks and music are the safe choice up front, and downloading them means no dropouts when you drive through a canyon or a dead zone.

CAR SOUND

27. Playing Your Phone Through the Car

Most cars can play your phone's sound through the car speakers, which is far better than the phone's tiny speaker. Newer cars connect by Bluetooth, and some use a cable. Many cars also offer Apple CarPlay or Android Auto, which put a simple version of your phone on the car's screen.

- 1 Pair your phone to the car by Bluetooth, much like headphones
- 2 Or plug the phone into the car with a cable if it has that option
- 3 Start your audiobook or playlist on the phone
- 4 The sound should come through the car speakers
- 5 Adjust volume with the car's own controls

WATCH OUT

Set up the car connection and start your audiobook before you pull out of the driveway. Fiddling with the phone while driving is never worth it.

TURN OFF CELLULAR

28. Keeping Downloads From Using Data

To be doubly sure a big download never sneaks onto your cell data and runs up a bill, you can tell each app to download only on Wi-Fi. Most apps have this switch, and turning it on gives you peace of mind.

- Look in each app's settings for a Download over Wi-Fi only option
- Turn it on so downloads wait for Wi-Fi
- This protects you from a surprise data charge
- You can still play finished downloads anywhere, data or not

GOOD TO KNOW

Playing a download never uses data, no matter the setting. Only the act of downloading uses data, and this switch makes sure that only happens on Wi-Fi.

AIRPLANE MODE

29. Airplane Mode and Your Downloads

On a plane, the crew asks you to switch on Airplane Mode, which turns off the phone's signal. People worry this will stop their movie, but it will not. Your downloads live on the device and play perfectly in Airplane Mode, since they need no signal.

- Airplane Mode turns off cell and Wi-Fi signals
- Your downloaded movies, music, and books still play fine
- You can turn Bluetooth back on for wireless headphones
- This also saves battery, since the phone stops hunting for signal

TIP

After switching to Airplane Mode, you can turn Bluetooth back on by itself. That lets you use wireless headphones while keeping the cell signal off, just as the crew asked.

ACCOUNTS

30. Signing In Before You Go

Every one of these apps needs you signed in to your account to download and play. Make sure you are signed in and that your subscriptions are paid up before you leave, while you can still fix any password trouble on home Wi-Fi.

- Open each app and confirm you are signed in
- Check that a free trial has not quietly ended
- Have your passwords written down in a safe place
- Test-play one download at home to be sure it works

WATCH OUT

Some apps ask you to be online once in a while to confirm your account is still active. Opening each app on Wi-Fi before the trip resets that clock and avoids a lockout mid-flight.

SHARING DEVICES

31. Sharing a Tablet With a Travel Companion

If you and a companion want to watch together on one tablet, a simple splitter lets two sets of headphones plug into one device, so you both hear the same movie. For separate shows, each person uses their own phone with their own downloads.

- A headphone splitter lets two wired headphones share one device
- For Bluetooth, some phones can send sound to two sets at once
- Or each person watches their own download on their own phone
- Download a few shows each so there is variety for the group

TIP

A cheap two-way headphone splitter is a wonderful thing for couples. You both watch the same movie on one tablet, each with your own headphones, without disturbing anyone.

EXPIRING LOANS

32. When Library Loans and Downloads Expire

Library books from Libby are borrowed, so they return themselves at the end of the loan, usually two or three weeks. Streaming downloads can also expire after a set time or once watched. None of this is a problem; it just means planning your loan to cover your trip.

- Borrow a library audiobook close to your trip so it lasts the whole journey
- You can often renew a Libby loan if no one else is waiting
- A returned book simply disappears from your Shelf, with no fee
- Expired streaming downloads can be grabbed again on Wi-Fi

GOOD TO KNOW

If a Libby loan might end mid-trip, borrow it a day or two before you leave and the clock will cover your travel days. You can also return it early to free up a hold for others.

BATTERY

33. Watching Without Draining the Battery

Watching movies is one of the hungriest things a phone does, so a long flight of films can empty a battery. A few gentle habits, plus a power bank in your bag, keep you playing all the way to landing.

- Lower the screen brightness, which saves a lot of power

- Use Airplane Mode so the phone stops hunting for signal
- Listen to audiobooks and music, which use far less battery than video
- Carry a charged power bank and the right cable

TIP

Audiobooks and music sip battery compared to video. Save the movies for when you are plugged in, and lean on books and music to stretch a long day on one charge.

KIDS AND GRANDKIDS

34. Entertainment for Traveling With Grandchildren

A tablet loaded with cartoons and a children's audiobook is a grandparent's secret weapon on a long trip. Download a handful of a grandchild's favorites before you leave, and you have a quiet, happy little one in the next seat.

- Download a few favorite shows a grandchild knows and loves
- Children's audiobooks are soothing for naptime on a plane
- Bring child-friendly headphones that keep the volume gentle
- A kids' profile in the app keeps the choices age-appropriate

GOOD TO KNOW

Set up a kids' profile in Netflix or Disney+ so only child-friendly titles appear. Then a grandchild can scroll safely without stumbling onto something grown-up.

NO SUBSCRIPTION

35. Free Options When You Do Not Subscribe

You do not need a stack of paid subscriptions to have plenty to watch and hear. Between your free library card and free podcasts, you can fill a long trip without paying a cent, and some services offer free movies with a few ads.

- Libby gives you free audiobooks and ebooks with a library card
- Podcasts are free and cover every subject imaginable
- Some apps offer free movies supported by occasional ads
- Many libraries also lend movies and shows through apps like Kanopy or Hoopla

GOOD TO KNOW

Ask your library about Kanopy and Hoopla. These free apps, paid for by the library, lend movies and shows the same way Libby lends books, and some can be downloaded too.

TESTING

36. A Quick Test Before You Leave

The surest way to avoid disappointment is a two-minute test at home. Once everything is downloaded, switch your phone to Airplane Mode and try to play a movie, a song, and your audiobook. If they all play with the signal off, you are genuinely ready.

- 1 Download your shows, music, and books on home Wi-Fi
- 2 Turn on Airplane Mode to mimic being on a plane
- 3 Open each app and play a downloaded item
- 4 Confirm it plays with no signal and no spinning circle
- 5 Turn Airplane Mode back off when you are satisfied

GOOD TO KNOW

This little test catches the one thing people forget, which is tapping Download but leaving the app before it finished. Better to find that out at home than at 30,000 feet.

ORGANIZING

37. Keeping It All Easy to Find

Having a dozen apps is fine, but it helps to know where your downloads live in each one so you are not hunting while the plane boards. Each app keeps its downloads in a tab, usually called Downloads, My Stuff, or Shelf.

- Netflix keeps downloads under My Netflix or Downloads
- Disney+ and Prime Video have a Downloads tab
- Spotify and Apple Music show a downloaded badge on saved music
- Libby keeps your books on the Shelf

TIP

Move your entertainment apps into one folder on your home screen, labeled something like Trip. Then everything you need is in one place, one tap away, when you board.

WHEN YOU RETURN

38. Tidying Up After the Trip

When you get home, a quick cleanup frees the space your downloads used and keeps your phone running smoothly. Delete the movies you finished, return any library books you are done with, and your device is ready for the next adventure.

- Delete downloaded movies and shows you have watched
- Return finished Libby books, or let them return themselves
- Keep music playlists you love, since they take little space
- Check your storage is healthy again in Settings

GOOD TO KNOW

Deleting downloads never deletes your account or your place in a series. The services remember what you watched, so you can pick a show right back up at home.

COMMON WORRIES

39. The Questions Travelers Ask Me Most

A few worries come up again and again, and the answers are reassuring.

- Will playing a download use my data? No, only downloading uses data
- Will it work with no signal? Yes, that is the whole point of a download
- Do I need Wi-Fi on the plane? No, not for your own downloads
- Can I lose my place in a book? No, the app remembers your spot

GOOD TO KNOW

The most common mishap is simply forgetting to download before leaving home. Do it the night before on Wi-Fi, and nearly every worry on this page disappears.

YOUR CHECKLIST

40. Your Pre-Trip Entertainment Checklist

Run through this the night before you travel, on your home Wi-Fi, and you are set for the journey.

- A couple of movies or shows downloaded in your streaming apps
- A music playlist or two saved for offline play
- An audiobook borrowed and downloaded in Libby
- A few podcast episodes grabbed for the drive

- Headphones charged, plus any adapter you need
- The phone or tablet charged and a power bank packed
- A quick Airplane Mode test to confirm it all plays

GOOD TO KNOW

Do the whole checklist at the kitchen table the night before, never at the airport. A calm half hour at home means a journey with plenty to enjoy and nothing to fret about.

WHEN TO CALL

41. When It Is Worth Calling Me

Most people get the hang of downloading in one sitting. But if an app will not sign in, if you are unsure which headphone adapter fits your phone, or if you would simply like someone to sit beside you and set up Libby, Netflix, and your music all in one go, that is exactly what I am here for. A first in-home visit is a flat \$99, and I can get a whole device trip-ready in that time.

TIP

Call Bill's Home Tech at (330) 200-8042, or ask Sophie, our phone and chat helper. I serve Portage County, and I am happy to load up your phone or tablet so you leave on your trip with hours of entertainment ready to go.

CHEAT SHEET

Everyday Cheat Sheet

Keep this page handy for your trip. It is the short answer to the questions travelers ask most about downloading entertainment.

- Download everything at home on Wi-Fi the night before you leave
- Movies and shows: tap the download arrow in Netflix, Disney+, or Prime Video
- Music: download a playlist in Spotify (Premium) or Apple Music
- Free audiobooks: borrow and download in the Libby app with your library card
- Podcasts: grab a few episodes in your phone's podcast app
- Playing a download uses no data and needs no signal
- Test everything in Airplane Mode before you go
- Charge your device and headphones, and pack a power bank
- Get help: call Bill at (330) 200-8042

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A Picture to Follow Along

What to Download for the Trip

Four kinds of entertainment, all saved before you leave.

Movies & Shows

Netflix,
Disney+, Prime
Tap the download
arrow
Great for
flights

Music

Spotify or Apple
Music
Save a playlist
offline
Perfect for
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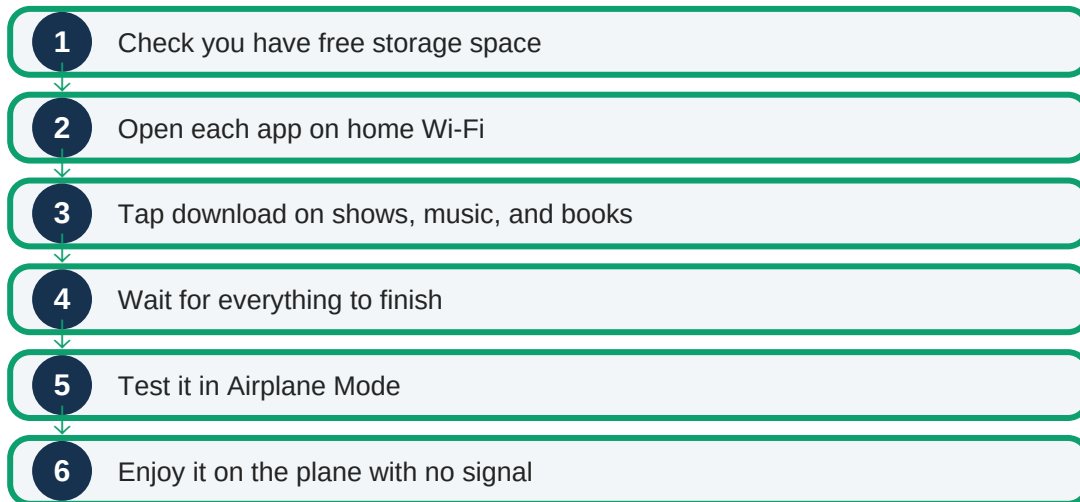
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Small and free
Easy road-trip
talk

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A Second Look

From Home Wi-Fi to the Plane

Do the first steps at home, enjoy the last one on the trip.



BEFORE YOU GO

A Note From Bill

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HOW I CAN HELP

Your Visit — and My Promise

In-home visit — \$99 flat for your first visit. No contracts and no surprise charges, and a 30-day follow-up is included.

Remote Support — \$49 for a screen-share session. I only connect with your permission, you watch the whole time, and you can end anytime. If I can't fix it over the screen-share, I refund the \$49 — and if it turns out you need me in person, that \$49 goes toward your visit. It's included free for Support Plan members (\$39/mo).

GOOD TO KNOW

My promise — If you're not 100% satisfied with your visit, I'll come back at no charge, or refund the full \$99. No questions, no awkwardness. That's how I'd want to be treated.

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