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See Every Subscription on Your Google / Android Account

Find the one Google screen that lists your app charges — and manage them without fear

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SUMMARY

The 60-Second Version

On Android, app subscriptions are billed by Google Play and gathered in one list: open the Play Store, tap your profile picture, then Payments & subscriptions, then Subscriptions. You can read and manage the exact same list on a computer at play.google.com, which is easier on the eyes. Each entry shows the price, renewal date, and a cancel button; cancelling stops the next charge while you keep access to the end of the period.

Watch for more than one Google account — a forgotten charge may sit on the one you rarely use. Services signed up for on a website won't appear here, so check your bank statement too.

1 The Short Version

Subscriptions you bought through apps on an Android phone are billed by Google Play, and Google gathers them into one list with the price, the renewal date, and a cancel button for each. It's the quickest way to see what you're paying for through your phone.

As with any phone, this list won't include services you signed up for directly on a company's website — those are billed outside Google. We'll show you how to catch those too, so the picture is complete.

- App subscriptions live in the Play Store: profile picture Payments & subscriptions Subscriptions.
- You can see and manage the same list on a computer at play.google.com.
- Each entry shows the price, the renewal date, and a cancel option.
- Website and carrier-billed services won't appear here — your bank statement catches those.

TIP

The computer version at play.google.com is easier on the eyes than the phone for many people. If reading small print on the phone is a strain, do this whole checkup on a computer instead — it's the exact same list.

2 Why Google Keeps Them Together

When you subscribe to something inside an app you got from the Play Store, Google handles the billing and charges whatever payment method is on your Google account. Because Google is collecting the money, it can show you all of those subscriptions in one place and let you cancel without dealing with each company directly.

That's a real convenience: one screen to check, one place to cancel, no hidden buttons to hunt for. The only trick is knowing the screen exists — and now you do.

GOOD TO KNOW

A subscription billed through Google Play is much easier to cancel than one set up on a company's website, because Google is the middleman. When you have a choice, subscribing through the app can save you a future headache.

3 Open Subscriptions on Your Phone

Here's the exact path on the phone. The wording can vary slightly between phone brands, but the Play Store itself looks the same on all of them.

1. Open the Play Store app.
2. Tap your profile picture or initial in the top-right corner.
3. Tap "Payments & subscriptions."
4. Tap "Subscriptions."
5. Read the list; tap any one to see its details or cancel it.

TIP

If you have more than one Google account on the phone (say, a personal one and an old one), check the name at the top of that menu — charges are tied to a specific account, and a forgotten subscription may be sitting on the account you rarely use.

4 Open Subscriptions on a Computer

The same list is available in any web browser, which many people find far easier to read and work through at the kitchen table.

1. In a web browser, go to play.google.com.
2. Make sure you're signed in to the correct Google account (check the top-right corner).
3. Click the menu and choose Payments & subscriptions, or go straight to the subscriptions page from your account.
4. Read the list and click any subscription to manage or cancel it.

GOOD TO KNOW

Signing in on a computer also lets you check your Google payment history on a full-size screen, which makes it much easier to spot a charge you don't recognize than squinting at the phone.

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5 Read and Understand Each Charge

Tap or click any subscription and Google shows you what you need to decide whether to keep it.

- The app or service name and its icon.
- The price and whether it's billed monthly or yearly.
- The next renewal date — when the next charge will land.
- The payment method it's charged to.
- A cancel option, and sometimes a cheaper plan to switch to.

WATCH OUT

Note which payment method each subscription uses. If several are charged to an old card that's about to expire, those services will interrupt at the worst moment — this is a good time to tidy that up or decide you don't need them anyway.

6 Cancel a Subscription

Cancelling through Google Play is quick and doesn't involve a phone call or a retention maze.

1. Open the subscription from the list (phone or computer).
2. Tap or click Cancel subscription.
3. Choose a reason if asked — you can pick any; it doesn't change the outcome.
4. Confirm, and check that it now shows an end date instead of a renewal date.

WATCH OUT

Cancelling stops the next charge, but you keep using the service until the end of the period you already paid for. So cancel as soon as you decide — there's nothing to gain by waiting, and nothing is lost by acting early.

7 The Charges That Won't Show Up Here

Google's list only covers things billed through Google Play. Several common recurring charges are billed directly by the company and will never appear, so check these separately.

Billed through Google (shows here)	Billed directly (does NOT show here)
Apps and games subscribed inside the Play Store	Service signed up for on the company's website
Google One storage, YouTube Premium (if bought in-app)	Anything bundled on your phone or cable bill
News or streaming subscribed through the app	Amazon Prime, gym, club, or newspaper memberships

> **GOOD TO KNOW**
> YouTube Premium and Google One storage are Google's own services and may be billed through your Google account even if they don't sit in the Play Store subscription list — check your Google account's payments section as well, just to be thorough.

8 Check Your Google Payment History

To see what Google has actually charged you — a great way to catch a surprise — your payment history lists every charge with its date and amount.

1. Go to pay.google.com, or open Payments & subscriptions and look for Budget & history.
2. Sign in to the right Google account.
3. Read the dated list of charges.
4. Click any charge to see exactly what it was for.

TIP

Google also emails a receipt for each charge. Searching your Gmail for "Google Play" and "receipt" or "order" turns up a clear paper trail in a minute.

9 Remove or Update a Card So Charges Can't Sneak Through

One extra lever on Android is managing which payment methods Google can use. Removing an old card, or being careful about what's saved, stops surprise charges before they start.

1. On play.google.com or in Payments & subscriptions, open your payment methods.
2. Review the cards saved there.
3. Remove any you no longer want Google to be able to charge.
4. Keep one current card for the subscriptions you do want to continue.

WATCH OUT

If you remove the card a subscription you want to keep is using, that service will stop at its next renewal. Only remove a card after you're sure nothing you rely on depends on it — or cancel the unwanted subscriptions first, then remove the card.

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10 Make It a Yearly Habit

Because this list takes a minute to reach, checking it once or twice a year keeps your Google charges honest. It pairs perfectly with a quick glance at your bank statement to catch anything billed outside Google.

- Pick a memorable day each year to open the subscriptions list and read it through.
- Cancel anything you haven't used since your last check.
- Confirm the renewal dates and prices on the ones you keep.
- Cross-check against your bank statement for website-billed services.

> **WATCH OUT**
> Right after starting any free trial on your phone, open this list and confirm the trial is showing with its renewal date. That way the day it turns into a real charge is never a surprise.

11 Google's Own Services and Bundles

Beyond app subscriptions, Google has its own paid services — Google One (extra storage), YouTube Premium (ad-free video), and YouTube TV (live channels). These are billed through your Google account, and because they're Google's own, they sometimes sit in a slightly different place than the Play Store list.

- Google One storage is managed at one.google.com.
- YouTube Premium and YouTube TV are managed in YouTube's own settings or your Google account.
- Check both the Play Store list AND your Google account payments to be thorough.
- If you pay for storage on both Google and another service, you're likely paying twice.

GOOD TO KNOW

YouTube TV in particular is an expensive monthly service that's easy to forget if you signed up for one season of sports or shows. It's worth a deliberate look — it's one of the larger recurring charges a household can carry without realizing.

12 Share a Google One Plan With Family

A paid Google One storage plan can be shared with your family group at no extra cost, so everyone gets more space from the one plan instead of each person paying separately. For a household, that's a simple, honest saving.

1. At one.google.com, open your plan's settings.
2. Look for the option to share your plan with your family group.
3. Set up or add people to your Google family group if needed.
4. Confirm each member now has access to the shared storage.

TIP

Sharing one storage plan across the family is almost always cheaper than several individual plans or several people each paying for a little extra space. A later guide covers sharing plans across all the services, the honest way.

13 Tidy Up the Payment Reminders and Receipts

Google emails a receipt for every charge, and those emails are a quiet, reliable record of everything you pay for through your account. A couple of minutes organizing them makes future checkups effortless.

1. In Gmail, search for "Google Play" or "your receipt from Google."
2. Skim the results to see every recurring charge you've had.
3. Star or label the ones for services you're keeping.
4. Delete receipts for services you've long since cancelled, to reduce clutter.

GOOD TO KNOW

This email paper trail is especially handy for catching a service that isn't showing in the Play Store list — if Google charged you, there's a receipt in your inbox, even for Google's own services.

14 When to Call Bill

Finding and managing Google subscriptions is well within reach once you know the path, and most people clear out a forgotten charge or two in a single sitting. But if the menus on your phone don't match these steps, if you can't tell which Google account a charge is on, or if you spot something you don't recognize, you don't have to sort it out alone.

I'll sit with you, open the list on whichever screen is easiest for you, and we'll go through each charge together — keeping what you use and cancelling the rest — plus check the corners where website and Google-service charges hide.

- You have more than one Google account and can't tell where a charge lives.
- A charge doesn't match anything you remember signing up for.
- The menus on your phone look different from the steps here.
- You'd just like help reading the list and deciding what to keep.

CHEAT SHEET

Everyday Cheat Sheet

Keep this by the Android phone. The list lives in the Play Store under your profile.

I want to...	Do this...
Open the list (phone)	Play Store your profile picture Payments & subscriptions Subscriptions
Open the list (computer)	Go to play.google.com, sign in, open Payments & subscriptions
See a cost and renewal date	Tap any subscription for its price and next charge
Cancel one	Open it Cancel subscription (access lasts till the period ends)
See what Google charged you	pay.google.com Budget & history
Catch outside charges	Also check your bank statement for website-billed services
Get help	Call Bill: (330) 200-8042

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