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Stop Autoplay and Loud Trailers

Silence the trailers that blare the moment you pause, and stop the next episode starting itself

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SUMMARY

The 60-Second Version

The trailers that blare on the home screen and the next episode that starts itself are both features you can switch off — in two different places. The loud home-screen previews are in the device's settings: on Fire TV, Settings Preferences Featured Content, turn off video and audio autoplay. The next-episode autoplay lives inside each app: in Netflix, turn off “autoplay next episode” and “autoplay previews” in the profile's playback settings, and check each other app you use.

Turn on your TV's “volume leveling” to stop trailers and ads jumping out louder than your shows.

1 The Short Version

The trailers that blare when you land on the home screen, and the next episode that starts itself, are both features you can turn off. Some of the settings live on your streaming device, some inside each app, and once they are off, the whole experience becomes calm and under your control. None of it is difficult, and all of it is reversible.

This guide tackles the two separate annoyances — the loud autoplay previews on the home screen, and the auto-advancing of episodes and trailers inside apps — since they are turned off in different places.

- The loud home-screen trailers are turned off in your streaming device's settings.
- The next-episode autoplay is turned off inside each app's settings, one by one.
- Autoplay previews inside apps (trailers as you browse) also have their own off switch.
- Everything here is free and can be switched back on if you ever miss it.

TIP

If one thing drives you up the wall, it is usually the home-screen trailer that blares with sound the instant you turn on the TV — start there, in your device's display or home-screen settings, for the biggest relief in a single switch.

2 Two Different Annoyances

It helps to separate the two things people mean by “autoplay,” because they are controlled in different places. The first is the preview that plays automatically — the loud trailer on the home screen, or the clip that starts as you hover over a show while browsing. The second is the next episode or next film that begins on its own after the one you were watching ends.

The loud home-screen previews are generally a setting on the streaming device itself — the Roku, Fire TV, or smart TV. The next-episode autoplay and the browsing previews are usually settings inside each individual app, like Netflix or Prime Video. So a full cure means a stop in both places, which is why turning it off in one spot does not always end all of it.

GOOD TO KNOW

This is why people often turn off autoplay in Netflix and are puzzled that the home screen still blares a trailer — those are two different settings in two different places. Knowing they are separate saves a lot of confusion and gets you to a fully quiet TV.

3 Silence the Home-Screen Trailer (Fire TV)

On a Fire TV, the big banner at the top of the home screen plays video and sound by default, and it is the loud trailer most people want gone. It is turned off in the settings.

1. Open Settings (the gear) from the Fire TV home screen.

2. Go to Preferences, then Featured Content.
3. Turn off “Allow Video Autoplay” and “Allow Audio Autoplay.”
4. Return to the home screen — the banner should now be quiet and still.

> **GOOD TO KNOW**
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> Turning off just the audio autoplay, if you prefer, keeps the banner showing a silent preview while sparing you the noise. But most people turn off both the video and the audio for a completely calm home screen.

4 Silence the Home-Screen Trailer (Roku)

Roku home screens are generally quieter than Fire TV's, but some Roku menus and the featured areas can still play previews. Where your Roku offers the option, you can turn these down.

1. Open Settings from the Roku home screen.
2. Look under Home screen or Theme settings for any autoplay or preview option and turn it off.
3. Check Settings, then Audio, if a menu sound or preview sound is the culprit.
4. If a particular app's tile previews loudly, that app's own settings may control it.

> **GOOD TO KNOW**
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> Roku tends to show a still, quiet home screen by default, so if yours is blaring, the sound is often coming from an app's preview rather than Roku itself. In that case the off switch is inside that app, covered in the next chapters.

5 Stop the Next Episode Starting (Netflix)

Netflix is the classic case of the next episode starting itself before you are ready. Its autoplay settings live in your account, and they also cover the previews that play as you browse.

1. Open Netflix and go to your profile's account settings (easiest on a phone or computer's web browser).
2. Find the profile's "playback settings."
3. Turn off "Autoplay next episode in a series."
4. Turn off "Autoplay previews while browsing" to stop the trailers as you scroll.
5. Save — the change applies to that profile across your devices.

> **TIP**
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> Netflix ties these settings to each profile, so if you have separate profiles for different people, you can set them individually — and you may need to turn it off on each profile you use. Doing it on the website is usually easier than hunting through the TV app.

6 Stop Autoplay in Other Apps

Most other streaming apps have their own version of these settings, usually within the app's own settings menu on the TV. The wording varies, but the ideas are the same.

- Prime Video: look in Settings for an autoplay option to stop the next episode.
- Disney+, Max, and others: check the app's playback or autoplay settings.
- YouTube: there is an autoplay toggle right on the playback screen, next to the video.
- Look for "autoplay," "play next automatically," or "previews" in each app's settings.

> **GOOD TO KNOW**
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> Because each app keeps its own autoplay setting, you do have to make the rounds of the apps you use — there is no single master switch for all of them. The upside is that you can set each one to your taste; perhaps you like autoplay for a series you are bingeing but not for films.

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7 Tame the Loud-Volume Problem

Part of what makes autoplay trailers so jarring is that they often blare louder than the show you were watching. Beyond turning autoplay off, a couple of sound settings keep any sudden loud moment in check.

- Turn on your TV's or soundbar's “night mode” or “volume leveling,” which evens out loud and quiet.
- Some TVs have an “auto volume” setting that keeps all content at a steadier level.
- These help with loud commercials and trailers generally, not just autoplay.
- They also keep dialogue and action at a more even, comfortable volume.

TIP

A “volume leveling” or “auto volume” setting is a quiet blessing against every sudden loud moment — trailers, ads, and booming scenes alike. Turning it on means you are not constantly reaching for the volume button when something jumps in volume.

8 Trailers That Give Away the Plot

There is a subtler reason to turn off the browsing previews, beyond the noise: the trailers that autoplay as you scroll often spoil the very shows you are deciding whether to watch. A preview can reveal a twist, show a character who was meant to be a surprise, or simply give away the ending before you have pressed play.

Turning off the “autoplay previews while browsing” setting lets you read a show's description and look at its picture in peace, deciding for yourself without a trailer blurting out the plot. For anyone who likes to come to a story fresh, it is reason

enough on its own to switch the previews off.

- Browsing previews can reveal twists and endings before you choose a show.
- The off switch is the same “autoplay previews” setting that quiets the noise.
- With it off, you browse by description and artwork at your own pace.
- It keeps the surprise intact for shows and films you have not started.

GOOD TO KNOW

Switching off browsing previews does double duty — it quiets the home screen and it stops spoilers in one move. Many people who turned it off just for the peace and quiet are delighted to find their shows are no longer given away as they scroll.

9 Set a Calm Screen for the Whole House

If you share the TV with others — a spouse, visiting grandchildren, a parent you help — setting these calming options once benefits everyone who uses it. A quiet, predictable TV is easier and more pleasant for the whole household, and especially for anyone who finds sudden noise and motion unsettling.

- Turn off the home-screen trailers so the TV is quiet for whoever switches it on.
- Turn off auto-advancing episodes so no one is rushed into another hour unawares.
- Turn on volume leveling so a child or guest is not startled by a sudden loud trailer.
- A calm screen is gentler for anyone sensitive to noise or easily overwhelmed.

TIP

For a household that includes someone who finds loud, lurching screens distressing — a nervous pet, a grandchild, or an older relative — these settings are a genuine kindness. A TV that stays quiet until asked is a calmer presence in the room for everyone.

10 Why Services Do This

It helps to know that autoplay is deliberate, not a glitch — the services use it to keep you watching longer and to promote their newest shows. Understanding that makes it easier to turn off without feeling you are breaking something.

The next-episode autoplay is designed to keep you from stopping; the home-screen trailers are designed to catch your attention and promote content. Both serve the service's goals more than yours, which is exactly why you are free to switch them off and watch on your own terms. Nothing is harmed by doing so — you simply press play yourself when you are ready.

> **GOOD TO KNOW**
> Turning off autoplay does not remove anything you want — the next episode is still there the instant you choose to play it, and the trailers are still available if you go looking. You are only taking back the decision of when, and whether, they start.

11 When It Comes Back After an Update

One frustration worth warning you about: a software update to your TV or streaming device can quietly switch autoplay and the loud previews back on, undoing your tidy-up without a word. If the blaring trailer returns one day for no reason you can think of, a recent update is almost always the explanation.

1. If autoplay or the loud banner returns, think back to whether the device updated recently.
2. Simply return to the same settings and turn the options off again.
3. The fix takes a minute now that you know where the switches live.
4. A quick check after any big update keeps the calm you set up.

GOOD TO KNOW

This is not something going wrong — it is the device resetting to its noisy defaults after an update, because those defaults serve the maker's promotions. Knowing it can happen means you are not baffled when it does; you just flip the switches back and carry on.

12 A Calm TV, on Your Terms

With autoplay off in both places and volume leveling on, the TV becomes a calm, obedient thing — it waits for you rather than lurching ahead. It is one of the most satisfying tidy-ups there is, especially for anyone who finds the constant motion and noise wearing.

- The home screen sits quiet and still when you turn on the TV.
- Episodes wait for you to press play instead of rolling on.
- Sudden loud trailers and ads are leveled down to a comfortable volume.
- You decide what plays and when — the TV no longer decides for you.

> *A TV that waits for you instead of lurching ahead with a blaring trailer is a calmer companion — and it is only a few switches away.*

13 When to Call Bill

Turning off autoplay and taming loud trailers is free and within reach, and this guide shows you each switch. But the settings are scattered across the device and every app, with different names in each, and if you would simply like a calm TV set up all at once, I am glad to do it.

I come to you, switch off the home-screen trailers, stop the auto-advancing episodes in every app you use, and turn on volume leveling so nothing jumps out at you. I leave

you a TV that waits patiently for you to choose what plays — quiet when you turn it on, and steady in volume throughout.

- The blaring home-screen trailer will not stop and you cannot find the setting.
- Episodes keep auto-advancing and you want it off in every app.
- Trailers and ads jump out far louder than your shows.
- You would like a calm, quiet TV set up throughout in one visit.

CHEAT SHEET

Everyday Cheat Sheet

Keep this by the TV. Two annoyances, turned off in two places.

I want to…	Do this…
Silence the Fire TV banner	Settings Preferences Featured Content turn off video + audio autoplay
Quiet a noisy Roku	Settings Home screen/Theme; blaring sound is usually an app's own preview
Stop Netflix auto-next	Account profile playback settings turn off autoplay next + previews
Stop it in other apps	Each app's own Settings autoplay / play next automatically
Tame loud trailers	Turn on the TV's or soundbar's “volume leveling” / “auto volume”
Note	Updates can switch autoplay back on — re-check if the blaring returns
Get help	Call Bill: (330) 200-8042

BEFORE YOU GO

A Note From Bill

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GOOD TO KNOW

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