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Where each team's games are this season — and how to get them on your TV, explained one step at a time

A plain-English guide for Northeast Ohio fans

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PART 1

Getting Your Bearings

Who shows which games this season, what changed, what's free with an antenna and what costs money, and the Cleveland channel numbers you'll use all year.

CHAPTER 1

A Note from Bill

Hello, and welcome. If you've ever turned on the TV and thought, "Now where on earth is the game?" you are in very good company. Watching our teams used to be simple. The Browns were on one channel, the Cavs and the Tribe were on another, and the Buckeyes were on whatever Dad had the dial set to. Today the games are spread across local stations, cable channels, streaming apps and phone apps, and the arrangements change from season to season.

I'm Bill. I've spent 30+ years helping people with technology, and I help folks here in Portage County and across Northeast Ohio in person and remotely. I wrote this guide so you can find the Browns, Guardians, Cavs and Buckeyes without guesswork, without paying for things you don't need, and without falling for the scams that pop up around every big game.

WHAT THIS DOES FOR YOU

What this guide does for you

By the end you'll know where each team's games are this season, which ones are free with a simple antenna, which ones need a subscription, how to sign in to the apps on your TV, how to listen on the radio or your phone, and how to spot the fake "free stream" sites and fake support numbers that try to take your money.

Facts current as of November 2026

Every channel, app and price in this guide was checked against the teams' own websites, league and network announcements, and local news reports in **November 2026**. Sports TV rights change often, sometimes in the middle of the year, so I've marked the spots where something isn't announced yet. Chapter 25 explains how to refresh this guide yourself at the start of each season.

And you can't break anything: pressing the wrong button, scanning for channels or poking around an app won't hurt your TV. The real risks are paying for what you don't need, or giving a card number to a stranger. This guide helps you avoid both.

And I'm only a phone call away

If you get stuck, call or text me at **(330) 200-8042**. The guides are free to read; when you'd like a hand, my help is $49 remote · $99 in your home. Let's find the game.

— Bill

CHAPTER 2

Who Shows What This Season

Here is the whole picture on one page. Each team gets its own chapter in Part 2 with the details, but if you only read one page in this guide, make it this one.

Team	Free with an antenna	Paid or sign-in needed	Radio
Browns	Sunday afternoon games: CBS (19) or FOX (8). Preseason: News 5 (5).	The one 2026 primetime game (Oct. 1) was on Prime Video. Streaming: Paramount+, FOX One, NFL+.	850 ESPN Cleveland, 98.5 WNCX, 92.3 The Fan, 1300 AM (Spanish)
Buckeyes	Games on FOX (8), CBS (19) and NBC (3).	Big Ten Network, FS1, and games only on Peacock.	Ohio State Sports Network
Cavs	15 games on 19 News (19) or Cleveland's 43 (43). National games on ABC (5) or NBC (3).	Most games: Cavaliers on DAZN. Other national games: ESPN, Peacock, Prime Video.	WTAM 1100 AM / 106.9 FM, 100.7 WMMS
Guardians	2026: 10 games on WKYC (3), plus a few national games on NBC or FOX.	2026: Guardians TV via cable or CLEGuardians.TV. 2027 plans not announced yet.	WTAM 1100 AM, 100.7 WMMS

What changed, in plain English

For years, most Cavs and Guardians games were on regional cable sports channels. You may remember names like SportsTime Ohio and Fox Sports Ohio, and more recently Bally Sports and FanDuel Sports Network. Those channels no longer carry our teams. Here's what happened, team by team:

- **Guardians:** starting in 2025, Major League Baseball itself began producing and distributing local Guardians games, called **Guardians TV**, on cable and on a streaming service called **CLEGuardians.TV**. That continued in 2026.
- **Cavs:** the company that ran FanDuel Sports Network stopped operating after the 2025–26 NBA regular season. For 2026–27 the Cavs moved their local games to a streaming service called **DAZN** (say it "da-ZONE"), and 15 of those games are also free on local TV.
- **The NBA** began new national deals in the 2025–26 season, with games on ESPN and ABC, NBC and Peacock, and Amazon Prime Video.
- **The Browns and the Buckeyes** are mostly where you'd expect: local broadcast stations, with some games on cable channels or streaming apps.

GOOD TO KNOW

Why the games move around

Teams and leagues sell the right to show their games in packages that last a few years. When a deal ends, or a company goes out of business, the games move. That's why this guide is dated, and why it's worth a ten-minute check at the start of every season (Chapter 25).

TIP

Look before you subscribe

Before paying for anything, check whether your games are already free with an antenna or already included in a service you pay for. It's easy to pay twice for the same game without realizing it.

CHAPTER 3

Free or Paid? An Honest Cost Map

Let's talk money, plainly. Some games cost nothing at all once you own an antenna. Others need a monthly subscription, a cable or satellite package, or a membership you may already have. Here's how it breaks down for our four teams.

Free, once you have an antenna

A TV antenna picks up the local stations out of the air, the same way rabbit ears always did. There's no monthly bill. In Northeast Ohio that means:

- Every Browns game on CBS, FOX or NBC, and the preseason games on News 5.
- Buckeyes games on FOX, CBS and NBC.
- The 15 free Cavs games on 19 News and Cleveland's 43, and any national Cavs game on ABC or NBC.
- In 2026, ten Guardians games on WKYC Channel 3, plus a few national games on NBC and FOX.

Paid, or included with something you may already have

Service	What it's for
Cavaliers on DAZN	Most Cavs games. $19.99 a month or $119.99 for the season (Standard). Ultimate plans cost more. A 7-day free trial was offered this season.
CLEGuardians.TV	In 2026: $19.99 a month or $99.99 for the season, for fans in the Guardians' home area. 2027 prices not announced.
Prime Video	Thursday Night Football is included with an Amazon Prime membership.
Paramount+	Streams the CBS games in your area. Monthly subscription.
Peacock	Sunday Night Football, plus some Big Ten and NBA games that are only on Peacock. Monthly subscription.
ESPN and FOX One	Can be free if you sign in with a cable, satellite or live-TV streaming account that includes those channels. Otherwise a monthly subscription.
NFL+	Live local and primetime NFL games on a phone or tablet. Monthly or yearly.
Cable, satellite or live-TV streaming	Brings in cable channels like ESPN, FS1 and Big Ten Network. The most expensive route, but one bill covers a lot.

HEADS UP

Prices change, sometimes mid-season

The prices above are what each service listed in 2026. Streaming services raise prices often and run sales that come and go. Always check the price on the official sign-up screen before you enter a card number, and set a reminder to cancel any free trial you don't want to keep.

FROM BILL

My honest suggestion

For most households I'd start with a good antenna, which covers more games than people expect, then add one paid service at a time, only for the team you care about most. You can always add more later, and you can cancel most streaming services any month.

CHAPTER 4

Your Cleveland Channels by Number

With an antenna, you'll find the games by channel number. These are the Cleveland stations that carry our teams. I confirmed each one's network before listing it here.

Antenna channel	Station	Network	Games you'll find
3	WKYC	NBC	Sunday Night Football, NBC Big Ten games, NBC NBA games, 2026 Guardians simulcasts
5	WEWS (News 5)	ABC	Browns preseason and Browns shows, ABC Monday night and NBA games
8	WJW (FOX 8)	FOX	Browns FOX games, Big Noon Buckeyes games, FOX baseball
19	WOIO (19 News)	CBS	Browns CBS games, Buckeyes CBS games, free Cavs games
43	WUAB (Cleveland's 43)	MyNetworkTV	Some of the free Cavs games

On an antenna, each station may also show up with a little decimal, like **19.1** or **3.1**. The ".1" is the main station. Higher numbers like .2 or .3 are extra channels the station runs, usually reruns or weather.

On cable or satellite, the numbers are different

Cable and satellite companies use their own channel numbers. For example, 19 News listed these spots for its own station and Cleveland's 43 this season: channel 19 and 43 on DirecTV; 1004 and 1006 (or 4 and 6) on Spectrum in the Akron area; 201 and 204 (or 4 and 6) on Breezeline in Cleveland. If you have cable, check your provider's guide or press the **Guide** button and look for the station name.

GOOD TO KNOW

Cleveland's 43 isn't on the big streaming services

19 News said its own station is carried on YouTube TV, Hulu + Live TV, Fubo and Paramount+, but that this does *not* apply to Cleveland's 43. So if a free Cavs game is on 43 and you only have a streaming service, you'll need an antenna or cable to see it.

TIP

Write your numbers down

The cheat sheet at the back of this guide (Chapter 27) has a blank line for each station. Fill in the numbers your TV actually uses and keep the page by the remote.

PART 2

Team by Team

Where the Browns, Buckeyes, Cavs and Guardians are this season, game by game where it's announced, with honest notes on cost.

CHAPTER 5

The Browns: Where the Games Are

Good news first: the Browns are the easiest of our teams to watch for free. Nearly every game is on Sunday afternoon on CBS or FOX, and both come in over the air with an antenna.

Where the games are (2026 season)

What	Where to find it
Sunday afternoon games	CBS on **19 News (WOIO, channel 19)** or FOX on **FOX 8 (WJW, channel 8)**. Free with an antenna. Also on cable, satellite and live-TV streaming services that carry those stations.
Thursday night	The Browns' one primetime game this season, Oct. 1 against the Steelers, was on **Amazon Prime Video**, included with a Prime membership.
Preseason	The first two 2026 preseason games aired on **WEWS News 5 (channel 5)**. The third was on Prime Video.
Pregame and postgame shows	News 5 is the team's flagship TV partner. For example, before the Nov. 8 game, **Browns Countdown** aired at 10:30 a.m. and **Browns Tonight** at 11:35 p.m.
Streaming the local game	**Paramount+** (CBS games) or **FOX One** (FOX games; free if you sign in with a TV provider that carries FOX). **NFL+** shows live local and primetime games on a phone or tablet.
Radio	850 ESPN Cleveland, 98.5 WNCX, 92.3 The Fan (WKRK), and 1300 AM La Mega in Spanish. Live audio in the Browns app and on ClevelandBrowns.com for fans near Cleveland. See Chapter 17.

The rest of the regular season

This is the schedule the Browns announced in May. All times are Eastern.

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sun., Nov. 15	Houston Texans	1 p.m.	FOX (8)
Nov. 22	Bye week, no game		
Sun., Nov. 29	Las Vegas Raiders	1 p.m.	FOX (8)
Sun., Dec. 6	Cincinnati Bengals	1 p.m.	CBS (19)
Sun., Dec. 13	Atlanta Falcons	1 p.m.	CBS (19)
Sun., Dec. 20	at New York Giants	1 p.m.	CBS (19)
Sun., Dec. 27	at Baltimore Ravens	1 p.m.	CBS (19)

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sun., Jan. 3	Indianapolis Colts	1 p.m.	FOX (8)
Week 18	at Cincinnati Bengals	To be announced	To be announced

HEADS UP

Times and channels can still change

The NFL can "flex" games late in the season, moving a Sunday afternoon game to Sunday night (NBC), Monday night (ESPN or ABC), Thursday night (Prime Video), or from 1 p.m. to a later afternoon slot. Week 18's date, time and network are set after Week 17. Check the team's "How to Watch" page a few days before each game (Chapter 11).

TIP

The cheapest way to see every remaining game

Every remaining game listed above is on CBS or FOX, so an antenna covers all of them for free. If a game gets flexed to Monday night on ESPN only, that one game would need ESPN.

CHAPTER 6

NFL Nights, Streaming and Sunday Ticket

Even when the Browns aren't in primetime, it helps to know where the NFL's national games live. A late-season flex could move a Browns game into one of these windows, and you may want to watch other games too.

Window	Where it is
Thursday Night Football	Amazon **Prime Video**. Included with a Prime membership.
Sunday Night Football	**NBC** (WKYC, channel 3), free with an antenna. Also streams on **Peacock**.
Monday Night Football	**ESPN**, and some games on **ABC** (WEWS, channel 5). The ESPN app is free if you sign in with a TV provider that includes ESPN.
NFL Network and RedZone	Cable channels. NFL Network airs some games; RedZone jumps to every touchdown on Sunday afternoons.
NFL+	The NFL's own app. Live local and primetime games on a phone or tablet, plus radio broadcasts of every game. Paid, monthly or yearly.
NFL Sunday Ticket	On YouTube and YouTube TV. Shows *out-of-market* Sunday afternoon games, meaning games not being shown on your local CBS or FOX station.

GOOD TO KNOW

Sunday Ticket won't help you watch the Browns at home

Here in Northeast Ohio, Browns Sunday afternoon games are on local CBS or FOX, so they're not "out-of-market." Sunday Ticket is for watching *other* teams. It's worth it mainly for fans of a team from another city, and it's one of the pricier sports packages.

About Netflix and Christmas games

The NFL has put a few holiday games on Netflix in recent seasons. The Browns' 2026 schedule, as announced, has no Netflix game. If that ever changes, the team's "How to Watch" page for that week will say so.

TIP

Watching on a phone? Check NFL+ first

If you just want the Browns on a phone or tablet while you're in another room or at a grandchild's game, NFL+ shows your live local games on mobile devices. The NFL has offered a 7-day free trial. It doesn't put the game on your big TV, though.

CHAPTER 7

The Buckeyes: Where the Games Are

Ohio State football is on several different networks each season, because the Big Ten sells its games in a package to FOX, CBS and NBC. The deal runs through the 2029–30 season, so the basic pattern below should stay the same for a few years.

The Big Ten's TV pattern

Network	What it carries
FOX (channel 8)	The big noon game on Saturdays, called **Big Noon Saturday**. Free with an antenna.
CBS (channel 19)	The 3:30 p.m. Saturday game. Free with an antenna. Also streams on Paramount+.
NBC (channel 3)	**Big Ten Saturday Night** in primetime. Free with an antenna. Also streams on Peacock.
Peacock only	A handful of Big Ten games each season are only on Peacock. Paid.
Big Ten Network and FS1	Cable channels. Included with many cable, satellite and live-TV streaming packages.

Ohio State's 2026 games: what's confirmed

- Sept. 5 vs. Ball State aired on **Big Ten Network** at 12:30 p.m., and Sept. 19 vs. Kent State aired on **FOX** at noon, as announced by Ohio State.
- Nov. 7 vs. Oregon was selected by **CBS**.
- **Sat., Nov. 28 vs. Michigan** ("The Game") is set for **noon on FOX**, Ohio State announced. That's free on FOX 8 with an antenna.
- Nov. 14 vs. Northwestern and Nov. 21 at Nebraska: check the Ohio State schedule page for the network. Some Big Ten networks and kickoff times are announced closer to game day.

HEADS UP

Postseason games are announced later

The Big Ten Championship Game and any College Football Playoff games get their channels and times after the regular season. I haven't listed them here because they weren't final when this guide was checked. The team's schedule page will have them.

Radio

Every game is on the **Ohio State Sports Network**, with Paul Keels calling play-by-play and Jim Lachey as analyst. Ohio State's athletics website has a **Radio Affiliates** page that lists the station near you, and a live audio stream on its Sports Network page. See Chapter 17.

TIP

A free Buckeyes season is possible

Many Buckeyes games land on FOX, CBS or NBC. With an antenna you'll see those free. The games you'd miss are the ones on Big Ten Network, FS1 or Peacock only. Look at the schedule in August and decide whether those few games are worth a subscription.

CHAPTER 8

The Cavs: Where the Games Are

The Cavs had the biggest change of any of our teams this year. The old cable sports channel that carried most games, FanDuel Sports Network, shut down in the spring. For the 2026–27 season, the Cavs are on a mix of streaming, free local TV and national networks.

Where the games are (2026–27 season)

What	Where to find it
Most games	**Cavaliers on DAZN**, a streaming service. All locally broadcast preseason and regular-season games are on DAZN for fans in the Cavs' home area. Paid. See Chapter 9.
15 free games	Simulcast free on **19 News (WOIO, channel 19)** or **Cleveland's 43 (WUAB, channel 43)**, and statewide on Rock Entertainment Sports Network. Free with an antenna.
National games	Some games are only on **ESPN** or **ABC**, **NBC** or **Peacock**, or **Prime Video**. These are *not* on DAZN. ABC (channel 5) and NBC (channel 3) are free with an antenna.
Radio	Every game on iHeartMedia stations, with **WTAM 1100 AM / 106.9 FM** and **100.7 WMMS** as flagships. Tim Alcorn calls the games. See Chapter 17.

The 15 free over-the-air games

This is the list the Cavs and Gray Media announced in September. Games already played are left off. Times are Eastern.

Date	Game	Time	Station
Sat., Nov. 14	Dallas at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	WOIO (19)
Sat., Dec. 12	Golden State at Cleveland	8 p.m.	WOIO (19)
Fri., Dec. 18	Cleveland at Detroit	7:30 p.m.	19 or 43, check listings
Wed., Dec. 23	Cleveland at Washington	7 p.m.	WOIO (19)
Sat., Jan. 2	Cleveland at Charlotte	1 p.m.	19 or 43
Sat., Jan. 23	Cleveland at Dallas	8 p.m.	19 or 43
Fri., Jan. 29	Cleveland at Toronto	7 p.m.	19 or 43
Sat., Feb. 6	Orlando at Cleveland	7:30 p.m.	19 or 43
Sun., Feb. 14	Phoenix at Cleveland	1 p.m.	19 or 43
Tue., Mar. 9	Cleveland at Detroit	8 p.m.	19 or 43

Date	Game	Time	Station
Sun., Mar. 14	Cleveland at Sacramento	6 p.m.	19 or 43
Sun., Apr. 4	Charlotte at Cleveland	3 p.m.	19 or 43

HEADS UP

Two announcements, two different stations

The two published versions of this list disagree on the Dec. 18 game: one says 19, the other says 43. Several later games were listed as "19 or 43" or "to be announced." Both stations are free with an antenna, so just check both, or look at the TV guide that day.

TIP

Cleveland's 43 needs an antenna or cable

If you watch local channels through a streaming service like YouTube TV, you'll get 19 News but not Cleveland's 43. For games on 43, use an antenna, cable, or a free DAZN account: DAZN shows all 15 free games to anyone who signs up for a free account.

CHAPTER 9

Cavaliers on DAZN: Plans and Sign-Up

DAZN is a sports streaming company. This season it became the Cavs' "exclusive streaming destination," which simply means most Cavs games are there and nowhere else in our area. It works on smart TVs, Roku, Fire TV, Apple TV, Chromecast and Android TV devices, phones, tablets, game consoles and web browsers.

The four plans

Plan	What you get
Monthly Pass	$19.99 a month. Two streams at once, in one location. Downloads included.
Monthly Pass Ultimate	$24.99 a month. Five streams in two locations, watch up to four feeds at once (multiview), alternate camera angles, and a one-time 15% off at the Cavs team shop.
Season Pass	$119.99 for the season. Two streams in one location, downloads.
Season Pass Ultimate	$139.99 for the season. The Ultimate features above.

The Cavs said full-season and half-season ticket members get a free subscription for the season. DAZN also offered a 7-day free trial.

Signing up, step by step

1. On a phone, tablet or computer, go to **dazn.com** and find the Cavaliers page. The Cavs also point fans to **cavs.com/dazn**.
2. Choose a plan, or choose the free account option if you only want the 15 free games.
3. Create an account with your email address and a password. Write both down on the cheat sheet.
4. Enter payment details only on the real dazn.com sign-up page. Check the price on screen first.
5. On your TV, open the app store (Roku Channel Store, Fire TV Appstore, Google Play, Apple App Store or your TV's own store), search for **DAZN**, and install it.
6. Open DAZN on the TV and sign in. If it shows a code instead, follow Chapter 16.
7. Look for the dedicated **Cavaliers** area in the app. Live games appear there at game time.

GOOD TO KNOW

What DAZN doesn't have

DAZN says games shown exclusively on ESPN, ABC, NBC, Peacock or Prime Video are not on DAZN. If tonight's game isn't in the DAZN app, check the Cavs schedule for the national network.

HEADS UP

Free trials turn into charges

If you start a free trial to try it out, put a reminder on your calendar a day before it ends. If you don't cancel, the plan you picked will start charging your card.

CHAPTER 10

The Guardians: 2026 Recap and What We Know About 2027

The Guardians' 2026 season is over, so this chapter does two things: it records how the games were shown in 2026, which is the best guide to what's likely next spring, and it tells you plainly what has and hasn't been announced for 2027.

How the Guardians were shown in 2026

What	2026 details
Guardians TV	Produced and distributed by Major League Baseball for the second straight season. More than 150 games. Carried by many cable providers; the team said to check with your own provider.
CLEGuardians.TV	MLB's streaming service for fans in the Guardians' home area. In 2026 it cost $19.99 a month or $99.99 for the season, with sales later in the year.
Free on WKYC (channel 3)	Ten games simulcast free over the air, plus an 11th on April 12 as part of NBC's Sunday Night Baseball.
National games	About 13 games were scheduled on NBC, Peacock, FOX, FS1 and TBS.
Radio	All 162 games on **WTAM 1100**, with 133 also on **100.7 WMMS**. Los Guardians Spanish radio carried all 81 home games.

2027: what's announced so far

As of mid-November 2026, the Guardians had **not announced** their 2027 TV plans or CLEGuardians.TV prices. The team's watch page simply thanked 2026 subscribers. For 2026, the details came out on January 26, with subscriptions going on sale February 10. A similar timeline is possible, but nobody can promise it.

TIP

What to do between now and Opening Day

Nothing, yet. Don't pay anyone for "2027 Guardians streaming" until the team announces it. When the news comes, it will be on the Guardians' official site (mlb.com/guardians) and in local news. Then come back to this chapter and pencil in the new details.

MLB.TV is not the same thing

MLB also sells **MLB.TV**, which shows out-of-market baseball. In the Guardians' home area, Guardians games are blacked out on regular MLB.TV. Fans here needed CLEGuardians.TV, or a bundle of both, to stream the Guardians live. See Chapter 19 for blackouts.

SCAM ALERT

Watch for fake "Guardians TV" offers

Every winter, fake sites and ads appear offering "lifetime" or "unlimited" team streaming for a one-time fee. The real service is sold through MLB.com. If an offer comes by text, social media ad or phone call, assume it's fake (Chapter 22).

PART 3

Getting the Game on Your TV

Finding tonight's game, setting up an antenna, scanning for channels, and getting the streaming apps signed in and activated.

CHAPTER 11

Finding Tonight's Game

The fastest, most reliable way to know where a game is tonight is to ask the team. Each team posts the channel and streaming details for every game on its own website. Here's my routine, and it takes about two minutes.

The two-minute routine

1. On your phone, tablet or computer, open the team's official website or app (see the table below).
2. Find the schedule, and tap on tonight's game. Look for **TV**, **Watch** or **How to Watch**.
3. Note the channel or service. If it's a channel you know, like FOX or CBS, turn to it with your antenna or cable. If it's an app, like DAZN or Prime Video, open that app on your TV.
4. If you're not sure which number a channel is on your TV, press **Guide** on the remote and look for the station name.

Team	Official website	Where the TV info is
Browns	clevelandbrowns.com	A "How to Watch, Listen & Live Stream" article for each game, and a "Ways to Watch" page
Buckeyes	ohiostatebuckeyes.com	Football schedule page; each game lists the network once it's set
Cavs	nba.com/cavaliers (cavs.com)	Schedule page; NBA.com also lists national TV games
Guardians	mlb.com/guardians	Schedule and "Watch" page (2027 details not posted yet)

TIP

Bookmark the real pages

Typing a team name into a search engine often brings up ads and look-alike sites first. Once you find the official page, save it as a bookmark or a home-screen shortcut, and use that every time. Chapter 22 explains why.

Using your TV's own guide

With cable or satellite, the on-screen guide shows the game title and channel. With an antenna, many newer TVs show a guide too: on a Roku TV it's the **Live TV** tile; other TVs have a **Guide** or **Live** button. The guide may only show a few hours ahead, and sometimes just says "NFL Football" or "NBA Basketball" instead of the teams.

GOOD TO KNOW

Live-TV streaming services have guides too

If you use YouTube TV, Hulu + Live TV, Fubo or DirecTV Stream, search the service for the team name. It will show upcoming games on the channels you get. If the game isn't listed, it's likely on a channel or app your plan doesn't include.

CHAPTER 12

Antenna Basics for Game Day

An antenna is the single best money-saver in this guide. A one-time purchase brings in CBS, FOX, NBC and ABC, which covers almost every Browns game, many Buckeyes games, and the free Cavs games. Here's what you need to know.

What kind of antenna?

- **Indoor flat antennas** stick to a window or wall. Inexpensive and easy. They work well when you're fairly close to the Cleveland transmitters, several of which are in Parma.
- **Attic or outdoor antennas** are bigger and pull in weaker signals. Worth considering farther out in Portage, Summit, Stark or Trumbull County, or if hills and trees are in the way.
- An **amplified** antenna has a small power box that boosts the signal. It helps on a long run of cable, but can make things worse if you're very close to the towers.

Setting it up

1. Screw the antenna's cable into the jack on the back of the TV marked **ANT IN**, **Antenna** or **RF**.
2. Put the antenna as high as you can, near a window if possible, facing roughly toward Cleveland.
3. Turn on the TV and choose the antenna input. This may be called **Antenna**, **Air**, **Live TV** or **TV**.
4. Run a channel scan (Chapter 13).
5. Turn to channel 3, 5, 8, 19 and 43 and check each one comes in clearly.

> **TIP**
>
> **Moving it a few feet can fix a lot**
>
> If a channel breaks up into squares or freezes, move the antenna a little higher, or to another window, then scan again. Small moves make a real difference.

GOOD TO KNOW

"NextGen TV" has arrived in Cleveland

This summer, Cleveland's major stations started a newer kind of broadcast signal, called NextGen TV or ATSC 3.0, alongside the regular one. You don't need it to watch the games; your current TV and antenna keep working. It's designed for sharper video and richer sound, and needs a compatible TV or tuner box. After a scan, those TVs find the new signals on their own.

CHAPTER 13

Scanning for Channels

A channel scan tells the TV to search the airwaves and remember every station it finds. Do it when you first connect an antenna, after you move the antenna, and any time a channel disappears. It's safe, and it takes a few minutes.

Where to find it

Every TV maker words this differently, so here are the usual names. Look in the TV's **Settings** or **Menu** for one of these:

Your TV	Where to look
Roku TV (TCL, Hisense, Onn and others)	**Settings** > **TV inputs** > **Live TV**, then the option to set up or scan for channels. On some models it says Antenna TV or Broadcast TV.
Samsung, LG, Sony, Vizio and others	Look for **Channels**, **Broadcasting**, **Channel Scan**, **Auto Program** or **Auto Tuning**. Choose **Antenna** or **Air**, not Cable.
Fire TV and Google TV sets	In Settings, look for **Live TV**, **Channels** or **Antenna**, then an option to scan for channels.

1. Make sure the antenna is connected and plugged in (if it has a power box).
2. Find the scan option using the table above.
3. If asked, choose **Antenna** or **Air**.
4. Start the scan and wait. Don't press buttons while it runs.
5. When it finishes, the TV shows how many channels it found. Turn to channel 19 to test.

HEADS UP

A scan replaces your old list

On most TVs a new scan wipes the old channel list and builds a new one. That's normally what you want. If you'd set favorites, you may need to set them again.

FROM BILL

Can't get a station to come in?

Sometimes the fix is an outdoor antenna or a better cable. If you've scanned twice and still can't get channel 19 or 8, that's a good time to call me. It's often a fifteen-minute job in person.

CHAPTER 14

The Streaming Apps Involved

A "streaming app" is a program on your TV or streaming stick that shows video over the internet instead of over the air. Here are the apps our teams use this season, what each one is for, and whether it costs money.

App	Used for	Cost
DAZN	Most Cavs games	Paid; free account for 15 games
Prime Video	Thursday Night Football; some NBA games	Included with Amazon Prime
Paramount+	CBS games: Browns, Buckeyes	Paid
Peacock	Sunday Night Football; Peacock-only Big Ten and NBA games	Paid
FOX One	FOX games: Browns, Buckeyes	Free with a TV provider sign-in, or paid
ESPN	Monday Night Football; ESPN NBA and college games	Free with a TV provider sign-in, or paid
NFL+	Browns live on phone or tablet	Paid
MLB app / CLEGuardians.TV	Guardians in 2026 (2027 not announced)	Paid
YouTube TV, Hulu + Live TV, Fubo, DirecTV Stream	Live local and cable channels over the internet	Paid monthly; the priciest option

Getting an app onto your TV

1. Press **Home** on your remote.
2. Open the app store: the **Streaming Store** on Roku, **Appstore** or search on Fire TV, **Apps** on Google TV, or the **App Store** on Apple TV.
3. Search for the app by name, and pick the one made by the real company (for example, "DAZN" by DAZN).
4. Choose **Add**, **Get** or **Install**. Apps are free to install; the subscription is separate.
5. Open the app and sign in, or follow the activation steps in Chapter 16.

SCAM ALERT

Only install apps from your TV's own store

Never install a sports app from a website link, a text message, or a box someone sells you "loaded" with free channels. Apps from outside the official store are a common way malware gets onto devices (Chapter 21).

TIP

Don't stack up subscriptions you forget about

Write down each service you sign up for on the cheat sheet, with the price and the date it renews. Cancel the ones you only needed for one season.

CHAPTER 15

Signing In with Your TV Provider

If you already pay for cable, satellite or a live-TV streaming service, some apps let you watch the channels you already get at no extra cost. This is called **signing in with your TV provider**. You'll also see it called "TV Everywhere" or "link your provider."

Which apps do this

- **FOX One:** the Browns say you can watch your local FOX game by signing in with your TV provider.
- **ESPN:** Monday Night Football and other ESPN games, if your package includes ESPN.
- **Peacock:** the Browns' Ways to Watch page says Sunday Night Football can be watched by signing in with your TV provider.
- Other channel apps work the same way, if your package includes that channel.

How to do it

1. Open the app on your TV.
2. Look for **Sign in with TV provider**, **Connect your TV provider** or a similar button.
3. Pick your provider from the list, such as Spectrum, DirecTV, Cox, Xfinity, YouTube TV or Hulu + Live TV.
4. The TV may show a code and a web address. Follow Chapter 16 to finish on your phone.
5. Sign in with the username and password for your *TV provider account* (the one you use to pay your cable bill online), not your email password.

GOOD TO KNOW

Antenna-only? This doesn't apply

Signing in with a TV provider only works if you pay a cable, satellite or live-TV streaming company. With an antenna alone, you'll watch FOX, CBS, NBC and ABC on the channels themselves, which is free anyway.

HEADS UP

Keep your provider password to yourself

Your TV provider login is usually your billing account. Don't share it with anyone who calls offering to "set it up" for you. Real companies don't call out of the blue for this.

CHAPTER 16

Activation Codes on the TV, Step by Step

Typing a long email and password with a TV remote is painful. So many apps show a short code on the TV screen instead, and you finish signing in on your phone or computer. It feels odd the first time, but it's safe and quick once you know the pattern.

The pattern every app follows

1. Open the app on the TV and choose **Sign in**. The TV shows a **code** (letters and numbers) and a **web address**, or a square barcode called a QR code.
2. Leave the TV on that screen.
3. On your phone or computer, type the web address *exactly* as it appears on the TV, or point your phone's camera at the QR code.
4. Sign in to your account on the phone, if it asks.
5. Type the code from the TV into the box on the phone, and tap **Continue** or **Activate**.
6. Within a few seconds, the TV refreshes and you're signed in.

SCAM ALERT

Activation is free. Always.

The real activation page never asks for a credit card just to link your TV, and never tells you to call a phone number to "complete activation." Roku says plainly it has never charged money to activate a device, and that a site saying your code failed and asking for payment is a scam. The same is true for DAZN, ESPN, FOX One, Peacock and the rest (Chapter 23).

If the code doesn't work

- Codes expire after a few minutes. Back out on the TV and choose Sign in again for a fresh code.
- Check you typed the web address from the TV, not one from a search result.
- Letters like O and 0, or I and 1, are easy to mix up. Look closely.
- Make sure you're signing in to the same account you paid for.

TIP

Use the camera if you can

If the TV shows a QR code, pointing your phone's camera at it is the safest way in: it takes you straight to the right page, so there's no chance of mistyping and landing on a fake site.

PART 4

Radio, Phone Apps and Away from Home

Listening on the radio and the free team apps, understanding blackouts, and following your teams when you travel.

CHAPTER 17

Game Day on the Radio

Radio is still the most dependable, and cheapest, way to follow our teams. It's free, it works in the car, the garage and the kitchen, and plenty of fans still turn down the TV sound and listen to the radio call instead.

Where to tune

Team	Stations	Notes
Browns	850 ESPN Cleveland (WKNR), 98.5 WNCX, 92.3 The Fan (WKRK); 1300 AM La Mega in Spanish	Pregame on 850 and 98.5; postgame on 92.3. Andrew Siciliano calls the games.
Cavs	WTAM 1100 AM and 106.9 FM, 100.7 WMMS	iHeartMedia is the exclusive radio home, on 19 stations across Ohio and nearby. Tim Alcorn calls the games.
Guardians (2026)	WTAM 1100 AM; 100.7 WMMS	All 162 games on WTAM; 133 also on WMMS. Tom Hamilton and Jim Rosenhaus. 2027 radio not announced.
Buckeyes	Ohio State Sports Network	Find your local station on Ohio State's Radio Affiliates page. Paul Keels and Jim Lachey.

GOOD TO KNOW

Why the Guardians and Cavs sometimes swap stations

WTAM and WMMS carry both teams. In spring, when baseball and basketball overlap, one game may move to the other station. The Guardians noted their WMMS schedule could change because of Cavs conflicts.

Listening on your phone or smart speaker

Most stations stream online through their own website or an app such as iHeartRadio (for WTAM and WMMS) or Audacy (for 92.3 The Fan and 98.5 WNCX). But game broadcasts have extra rules:

- **Browns:** the live game audio in the Browns app and on ClevelandBrowns.com is only for fans within about 100 miles of Cleveland, because of NFL rules. The station's regular online stream may not carry the game at all.
- **NFL+** includes live radio of every NFL game, home, away or national, on a phone or tablet.

- **SiriusXM** carries NFL games in cars and in its app, with a subscription.
- **Buckeyes:** Ohio State's Sports Network page has a live audio player.

TIP

If the Browns app won't play the game

The Browns say that if you're in the home market but can't get the live stream, turn off Wi-Fi on your phone and use cellular data, then try again. The app decides where you are by your internet connection, and some Wi-Fi networks look like they're somewhere else.

CHAPTER 18

The Free Team Apps

Each team has a free official app for phones and tablets. They won't usually show live games on TV, but they're handy for schedules, scores, news, radio, and game-day alerts.

App	What it does
Browns app	Free. Schedule, news, stats, and the live radio call for fans near Cleveland. The team calls it the Browns mobile app, presented by LECOM.
Ohio State Buckeyes app	Free. Pick the sports you follow and turn on alerts. Live radio through the Sports Network.
NBA app	Free. Scores and schedules for the Cavs; also where NBA League Pass is sold (Chapter 19).
MLB app	Free to download. Scores, news and schedules; also where MLB.TV and (in 2026) CLEGuardians.TV were sold.

Getting the real app

1. On iPhone or iPad, open the **App Store**. On Android, open the **Play Store**.
2. Search for the team name, like "Cleveland Browns."
3. Check the name under the app: it should be the team or league itself (for example, the Cleveland Browns or Ohio State University), not an unknown company.
4. Tap **Get** or **Install**.
5. When the app asks to send notifications, choose **Allow** if you want score and game-time alerts. You can change this later in your phone's Settings.

HEADS UP

Beware "free live games" apps

An app that promises every game free, live, with no subscription, is either not what it says or not legal. If it isn't made by a team, a league or a real network, skip it.

CHAPTER 19

Blackouts and Out-of-Market Rules in Plain English

"This game is not available in your area." Few messages are more frustrating. Here's what's going on, so you know whether you're doing something wrong (you're usually not) and where the game actually is.

The basic idea

Leagues sell the rights to show games in your area to local partners, like CBS and FOX for the Browns or DAZN for the Cavs. To protect those partners, the league's own "see every game" packages hide, or **black out**, your local team's games. The game isn't missing; it's just somewhere else.

Package	What it shows	What's blacked out here
NBA League Pass	Out-of-market NBA games	Cavs games shown locally, and national games on ESPN, ABC, NBC, Peacock and Prime Video
MLB.TV	Out-of-market baseball	Guardians games in the Guardians' home area
NFL Sunday Ticket	Out-of-market Sunday afternoon NFL games	Browns games on your local CBS or FOX station

Where the blacked-out game actually is

- **Cavs blacked out on League Pass?** It's on DAZN, 19 News, Cleveland's 43, or a national network. The NBA says local and national partners have exclusive rights to those games.
- **Guardians blacked out on MLB.TV?** In 2026 it was on Guardians TV, CLEGuardians.TV, WKYC, or a national network.
- **Browns not on Sunday Ticket?** It's on your local CBS or FOX channel.

GOOD TO KNOW

How the app knows where you are

Streaming apps decide your location from your internet connection and sometimes your phone's location. If you're traveling, the rules follow where you are that day, not where you live. That's why a game might work at home and not at the cottage, or the other way around.

HEADS UP

Don't pay a stranger to "get around" blackouts

Ads promising to unlock blacked-out games usually break the service's rules, and some are outright scams. If a package won't show your team, use the local option listed above instead.

CHAPTER 20

Following Your Teams Away from Home

Whether you winter in Florida, visit the grandkids in another state, or just spend a weekend at the lake, the rules change once you leave Northeast Ohio. Here's what to expect.

Team	Away from home
Browns	Out of the area, Browns Sunday games may not be on the local CBS or FOX station. **NFL Sunday Ticket** on YouTube shows out-of-market Sunday afternoon games. **NFL+** shows the games that are local where you are, on a phone or tablet. Primetime games are national everywhere.
Cavs	Outside the Cavs' home area, local Cavs games are generally on **NBA League Pass**, while DAZN's Cavs games are for fans in the Cavs' home area. National games are national everywhere.
Guardians	Outside the home area, **MLB.TV** shows Guardians games (subject to that area's own blackouts). 2027 details not announced.
Buckeyes	Big Ten games on FOX, CBS, NBC and Peacock are national, so you'll find them almost anywhere in the country. Big Ten Network is on many cable lineups nationwide.
Radio	The radio call is often easiest: NFL+ for the Browns, the iHeartRadio app for WTAM and WMMS, and Ohio State's audio stream. Some game audio is limited by location.

TIP

Sort it out before you leave

If you'll be away for months, call me or sit down with a family member a week before you go. Check each app on your phone while you're still at home, write down your logins, and decide which one or two services are worth having while you're away.

FROM BILL

Snowbird setups are a good use of a visit

Getting the right apps signed in on a travel tablet or a streaming stick you can take with you is the kind of thing I help with. $49 remote · $99 in your home.

PART 5

Staying Safe on Game Day

Illegal "free stream" sites, fake ticket and streaming ads, fake activation-code support numbers, and what to do if you already clicked or paid.

CHAPTER 21

"Free Stream" Sites: Why to Skip Them

Search for "Browns game free live stream" and you'll find pages of sites promising every game, free, with no sign-up. They're tempting, especially when the game you want is behind a subscription. Please skip them. Here's why.

What these sites really are

- They're **not authorized** by the teams or leagues. They show games they have no right to show.
- They make money from **aggressive ads and pop-ups**, some of which lead to fake virus warnings, fake prize offers, or downloads you didn't ask for.
- Many ask you to **"install a player"** or an app to watch. That download is the danger. The Federal Trade Commission's advice is blunt: if a site or app offers free streams of big-league sports, the hidden cost is probably malware.
- They may ask you to **create an account with your card** "just to verify your age." That's a way to collect card numbers.

SCAM ALERT

If a site says your computer is infected, it's lying

A pop-up on a streaming site that flashes "Your computer has a virus, call this number" is a scam every time. Don't call. Close the browser window. If it won't close, turn the computer off and back on. Then call someone you trust, like me, before doing anything else.

"Loaded" boxes and sticks

You may see streaming boxes sold online, at flea markets or by a friend of a friend, "fully loaded" with every channel and every game for a one-time price. These rely on the same unauthorized streams. They can stop working without warning, and there's no refund. The FTC has warned that pirate apps and add-ons on streaming devices often carry malware, which can try to spread to the other devices on your home network, including the computer you bank on.

TIP

The legal free options are better than you think

Before you go hunting for a free stream, check the free legal options: the antenna (Chapter 12), the 15 free Cavs games, a free DAZN account, the radio, and the team apps. Between them, a lot of games are covered at no cost.

CHAPTER 22

Fake Ticket and Streaming Ads

Big games bring out the scammers. They buy ads at the top of search results and on social media, build sites that look like the real team or network, and make offers that are just a little too good. Here's how to see through them.

Streaming offers

- "Lifetime" or "one-time payment, every game forever" deals. Real services are monthly or seasonal.
- Offers that arrive by text, social media message or a phone call you didn't expect.
- Websites with names close to, but not exactly, the real one. Look at the address bar.
- Pressure: "Only 3 spots left!" or "Price goes up in 10 minutes!"

Tickets

If you're buying tickets to a game, the safest place is the team's official site or the official ticket seller it links to. For resale tickets, the FTC suggests checking the seller's policies before you buy: how and when you'll get the tickets, and whether it offers a refund or replacement if something goes wrong.

1. Start from the team's official website, not a search ad.
2. Follow the team's link to its ticket seller.
3. Pay by credit card, which gives you more protection than a debit card, cash app, wire transfer or gift card.
4. Never buy tickets from someone who asks for gift cards or a payment app transfer to a stranger.
5. Be wary of tickets offered in social media posts or comments, even from "a fan who can't go."

SCAM ALERT

Gift cards are a giveaway

No real team, league, network or ticket seller will ever ask you to pay with gift cards. If anyone asks you to buy a gift card and read them the numbers, it is a scam. Hang up.

TIP

Search ads aren't recommendations

The top few results in a search are often paid ads, and anyone can buy them, including scammers. Scroll past the ads, or better, use your saved bookmarks for the official pages.

CHAPTER 23

Fake Activation-Code Support Numbers

This one catches a lot of good, careful people, so I want to explain it slowly. You're setting up a new app on the TV. It shows a code. You search on your phone for the app name and "activate," and you land on a page that looks official. It says your code "failed" and to call a support number, or to pay a small activation fee. It's a scam.

How the trick works

- Scammers build fake sites that look like real Roku, streaming or network pages, with real logos.
- They **pay for search ads**, so their fake sites can appear at the top of the results. Roku warns about exactly this.
- The page tells you activation failed, or that you need "premium support," and gives a phone number.
- On the phone they sound friendly, then ask for a payment, your card number, or to connect to your computer "to fix it." Roku warns that some even sell fake support plans or lock your device.

SCAM ALERT

The three rules that stop this scam cold

1. Activation is always free. 2. Type only the web address shown on your TV screen, or scan its QR code; never search for it. 3. Never call a phone number that appears on an activation page or a pop-up. Real streaming apps don't need you to phone anyone to activate.

Where to get real help

For	Go here
Roku	Real Roku sites always end in **roku.com**, such as support.roku.com and my.roku.com. Roku says it doesn't charge for activation or support.
Streaming apps	Use the **Help** section inside the app, or the help link on the company's real website that you typed yourself.
Your TV provider	Call the number printed on your paper bill, not one from a search result.

TIP

Check the email on your Roku

Roku suggests checking that your device is linked to your own account. Go to **Settings** > **System** > **About** and look at the email address. If it isn't yours, someone else may have activated it, and Roku recommends a factory reset and setting it up again.

CHAPTER 24

If You Already Clicked or Paid

If you've already called a number, paid a fee, or let someone onto your computer, please don't be embarrassed. These scams are designed by professionals to fool careful people. What matters now is acting quickly. Take these steps today.

1. **Hang up and disconnect.** If someone is connected to your computer, turn it off.
2. **Call your bank or card company** using the number on the back of your card. Tell them what happened and ask them to stop or reverse the charge.
3. **Change your passwords,** starting with your email and the streaming account involved. Use a different device than the one the scammer touched, if you can.
4. **Check your statements** over the next few weeks for charges you don't recognize.
5. **Remove anything they installed,** or have someone you trust check the computer.
6. **Report it** to the Federal Trade Commission at **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**. If it involved Roku, you can also report it to Roku through support.roku.com.

FROM BILL

This is exactly when to call me

If a scammer has been on your computer, I can check it, remove what they left behind, and help you secure your accounts. Call or text **(330) 200-8042**. $49 remote · $99 in your home. If you think they still have access, I'll suggest we do it in person.

STAY SAFE

Tell someone

Scammers count on embarrassment to keep people quiet. Telling a family member or friend helps you think clearly, and it may stop the same scammer from reaching them next.

PART 6

Keeping Current, and Getting Help

How to refresh this guide each season, when a visit from Bill is worth it, and a one-page cheat sheet for game day.

CHAPTER 25

Refresh This Guide Each Season

This guide reflects what was announced as of **November 2026**. Sports TV deals change, and they often change in the off-season. A ten-minute check before each team's season starts will keep you from missing games or paying for the wrong thing.

When to check

Team	When to look	What to look for
Guardians	Late January to February	2027 TV partner, CLEGuardians.TV price, WKYC free games, radio
Browns	May (schedule release)	Which games are on CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, Prime Video or Netflix; preseason TV partner in June
Buckeyes	Spring and summer	Early-season kickoff times and networks; the rest are set during the season
Cavs	August to September	Local TV and streaming partner, prices, the free-game list, national TV games

Your refresh checklist

1. Open the team's official website (Chapter 11) and look for a news story about the broadcast schedule or "how to watch."
2. Check whether the local TV partner changed. If it did, note the new channel or app.
3. Check the price on the official sign-up page, not in an ad.
4. Look at your own subscriptions. Cancel any you no longer need.
5. Run a channel scan if you use an antenna (Chapter 13), since stations sometimes change frequencies.
6. Update the cheat sheet in Chapter 27 in pencil.

GOOD TO KNOW

Things that were still open in November 2026

Guardians 2027 TV and streaming plans and prices. The Browns' Week 18 date, time and network. Network assignments for some late-season Buckeyes games, the Big Ten Championship and the College Football Playoff. Stations for some of the later free Cavs games.

FROM BILL

Want a fresh copy?

I update these guides as things change. If you'd rather not do the checking yourself, give me a call before the season and I'll walk through it with you.

CHAPTER 26

When to Call Bill

This guide is meant to help you do it yourself, at your own pace. But some jobs go faster with a second pair of hands, and there's no shame in asking. Here's when a call makes sense.

Good reasons to call

- Your antenna won't pull in a station after two scans, or you're thinking about an attic or outdoor antenna.
- You want help deciding which subscriptions are worth it for the teams you actually watch, and which to cancel.
- A streaming app won't activate or sign in, and you'd like someone to walk through it with you.
- You're heading south for the winter and want your apps and logins ready to travel.
- You called a number from a pop-up, paid an "activation fee," or let someone onto your computer.
- You'd simply like a patient, unhurried lesson at your own TV.

SCAM ALERT

When in doubt, call before you pay

If anyone pressures you to pay for activation, "premium support," or a lifetime sports package, stop and call me first. A two-minute call costs far less than a scam.

What working with me is like

I'm Bill, and I help folks in **Portage County, Ohio** and nearby, in person and remotely, with 30+ years of professional experience. I'll explain what I'm doing as I go, write down your logins for you to keep, and never sell you something you don't need.

FROM BILL

How to reach me

Call or text **(330) 200-8042**, or book online at **billshometech.com/book**. My AI receptionist, **Sophie**, may answer the main line; she can answer simple questions and get you on my schedule. $49 remote · $99 in your home.

— Bill

CHAPTER 27

Your Game-Day Cheat Sheet

Print this page and keep it by the remote. It's the whole guide on one page. Facts as of November 2026; check each team's site at the start of every season.

Where the games are

Team	TV and radio
Browns	Sundays on CBS (19) or FOX (8). Radio: 850, 98.5, 92.3; 1300 AM in Spanish.
Buckeyes	FOX (8), CBS (19), NBC (3), Big Ten Network, FS1, some Peacock-only. Radio: Ohio State Sports Network.
Cavs	Cavaliers on DAZN; 15 free games on 19 or 43; national on ESPN, ABC (5), NBC (3), Peacock, Prime Video. Radio: WTAM 1100 / 106.9 FM, 100.7 WMMS.
Guardians	2027 not announced. In 2026: Guardians TV, CLEGuardians.TV, 10 free games on WKYC (3). Radio: WTAM 1100, 100.7 WMMS.

Quick fixes

If...	Do this
Can't find tonight's game	Check the team's official "How to Watch" page (Chapter 11).
Antenna channel missing	Move the antenna a little, then rescan (Chapters 12 and 13).
App wants a code	Type the web address shown on the TV, or scan its QR code (Chapter 16).
"Not available in your area"	It's a blackout; the game is on a local channel or app (Chapter 19).
Activation page wants payment or a phone call	It's a scam. Close it (Chapter 23).

Keep this handy

Item	Fill in
CBS / FOX / NBC / ABC / 43 on my TV	____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____
DAZN email and renewal date	_____
Other services I pay for	_____
TV provider login (for sign-in)	_____

Item	Fill in
Bill's Home Tech	(330) 200-8042 · billshometech.com/book