

# Local TV is free with an antenna

With cable prices going up and up, was it possible to get good television using a new over-the-air, digital antenna? The quick answer is yes. With the right antenna in the right location it is possible to receive top quality FREE TV!

Over 50 channels are available include ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, CW, and PBS with many of them in HDTV. In addition there are stations that run old movies and old sitcoms.

There are some stations that are just not there at all, including A&E, CNBC, HBO, ESPN. For stations like these, you need to stream content from your internet.

TV towers servicing the NSHD are located in the hills near Bremerton, Seattle and North Bend; all about 30 miles away. An antenna must be able to "see" all three locations. The best place to put an antenna in your house is as high up as you can, and facing north. Other locations work too, so it is best to test.

## **BOTTOM LINE - FOR FREE TV**

- Newer TV
- connecting cable
- HDTV antenna
- BONUS - See the NSHD web page article about free movies

RESULT: FREE TV - over 50 channels and **no monthly charges.**

**At last, no Comcast bill and no Click bill either - -**

Not all antennas are alike. Make sure you get one of the newer ones designed for digital TV. The new digital antenna is not large at all, about 14 x 14 x 1/2. I purchased an antenna called the "Leaf 30", made by Mohu.

Check out the "**how to do it**" on the NSHD web page, [TacomaNorthSlope.org](http://TacomaNorthSlope.org). Go to Chapter 9 in the NSHD library section. Look for FreeTV and Free Movies.

If you would like to know if you can get rid of Click and Comcast bills, try it out! Go to a store that has a good return policy, like Fred Meyer, and buy cable and an antenna and try it. (see Bill's story on the web page) If it works for you, you can save 100's of dollars each year.

A word of advice, when you remove the cable for paid TV and attach your cable for Free TV, you must program your TV for antenna and run the scan.

Known NSHD locations where FREE TV works:  
4th and I St  
700, 800, 1000 blocks on N J St  
900 block on N L St  
500 block of N. Ainsworth  
Your house is next!

**WHAT IF YOU WANT MORE!** It takes internet to get more and some way to stream content from your router to your TV. Buy a ROKU\*\* , Amazon FireTV, Chrome TV , or AppleTV for streaming. You need a device like one of these; a one-time charge.

Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime have established themselves as the three most popular subscription video-streaming services.

Many people like Netflix. \$9 to \$12 depending on service.

Amazon Prime at \$99 per year with movies, TV and other services like free shipping. Next fall, Thursday Night Football will be on Amazon Prime.

Add SlingTV\*\* for \$20 per month and get ESPN, AMC, CNN, HGTV, Comedy Central, Cartoon Network, HISTORY, Disney Channel, and the list goes on.

\*\* TIP. Sign up for 2 months of SlingTV and they will send you a free ROKU Stick.

### **TYPICAL SETUP - \$42 including internet**

- **FREE TV** (requirements above) for over 50 channels and **no monthly charges**
- **ROKU** has 1000 channels, many free, and no monthly charge. TRY THIS EXAMPLE:  
[www.makeuseof.com/tag/private-roku-channels-install-now/](http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/private-roku-channels-install-now/)
- **Internet** Advanced Stream \$33/month
- **Netflix** for movies and older TV shows \$9/month
- **FREE MOVIES**, did you read that section on NSHD web page?Netpage?

### **SET UP TV PROGRAM LISTINGS**

Over-the-air channel listings are not in the paper. Go to [zap2it.com](http://zap2it.com) and set up an account (you want this site to save your favorite settings). The important setting is at the bottom of “change locations” where you select **Broadcast Antenna**. Note: is is not 4, 5, and 7 anymore, it is 4.1, 5.1 and 7.1 and your TV will use these channel numbers.

### **COMMENTS BY NSHD PEOPLE, YOUR NEIGHBORS**

[TacomaNorthSlope.org](http://TacomaNorthSlope.org) Go to NSHD Library, Chapter 9 and FreeTV

## **PLEASE COMMENT**

If you have suggestions on how to set up and use Free TV, please send us this information.

If you have “Cut the Cable”, please send your story to [news@tacomanorthslope.org](mailto:news@tacomanorthslope.org).

If you have first-hand knowledge about Amazon Fire and Amazon Prime and how it works, please send us this information.

If you have first-hand knowledge about ROKU and the 1700 additional channels they offer, please send in your story. Tell us about the free channels as well as the other Roku channels.

## **RELATED LINKS**

<https://blog.roku.com>

<http://www.gomohu.com>

<https://www.cutcabletoday.com>

<http://www.komando.com/tips/382344/how-smart-people-are-streaming-tv/all>

<http://cordcuttersnews.com/cord-cutting-101-beginners-guide-cord-cutting-2017-edition/>

<http://cordcuttersnews.com/ultimate-guide-legal-free-movies-tv-shows/>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/teens-dont-care-about-cable-tv-2017-4>

<http://www.tomsguide.com/us/what-is-amazon-prime.news-18041.html>

<http://www.tomsguide.com/us/cord-cutting-guide.news-17928.html>

<https://blog.roku.com/blog/2017/01/25/roku-channels-hidden-gems/>