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AUDIO



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The Smart Home Device We've All Been Waiting For

Amazon Echo

\$179.00

Remember when the original Talking Elmo and every parent was scrambling to grab the last one in stock? Every kid had to have a Talking Elmo because it was the most incredible toy anyone had seen. And then, years later, a more advanced Talking Elmo was released and it could do infinitely cooler things. Siri is now old Talking Elmo and Alexa is the new and improved Talking Elmo. Alexa is Amazon's cloud-based voice system for its best product to date, the Echo, a smart home product. The Echo is designed around your voice. With seven microphones and beam-forming technology, Alexa can hear you anyway in the room and is always waiting for you to make a request. No offense, Siri, but you can be kind of lazy and a battery drain. Amazon Echo is much more efficient so you can talk to Alexa whenever you want when you're nearby.

And, of course, Alexa and Amazon Echo helps you do so much more than Siri and your iPhone. With the Amazon Echo, you can ask Alexa questions about the weather and news, you can fill the room with immersive sound through its expertly tuned speaker, and you never have to lift a finger to control your home. Working with other smart home devices, you can use Echo to turn on the lights, fans, and other devices all through voice request.

We'd explain more of the features, but we'd be here all day long. It seems every few minutes, Amazon Echo has a new feature. Instead of listening to us wax poetic about the Echo, do yourself a favor and just buy one.



The Small Home Wireless Audio System with a Big Voice

Denon HEOS 3 Wireless Speaker

\$299.00

Sound is pretty cool, right? And so is music. So why don't most of us have speakers in our kitchens, bedrooms, and heck, even bathrooms? Usually it's because small, compact speakers don't pack the punch of oversized speakers, but oversized speakers take up too much space. It's technology's very own Catch-22. Denon's new HEOS 3 is changing that. The smallest of HEOS' speaker family (which includes the 5 and the 7), the uniquely shaped speaker (imagine an irregular hexagon) boasts some powerful sound for its size. The HEOS 3 can sit horizontally or vertically, and can sit on a shelf or desk or can be mounted on the wall. The size makes it easy to fit in the smallest of corners of any room (yes, even the bathroom).

But this is a smart device, right? Yep. It goes far beyond a typical small speaker. Connect your HEOS 3 with your Wi-Fi network and it can communicate with your smartphone or tablet with its HEOS app. Through the app, you can play music stored on your smart device, create playlists, and access streaming services, including TIDAL, Spotify, SiriusXM, Pandora, and Rhapsody. Are you cheap and don't like buying music? No problem. You can access free online radio stations using TuneIn radio. Through the app, you can also configure two speakers for true stereo playback and mess around with tone controls, in case you like to bump up the bass or treble. The HEOS 3 is proof that good things do come in small packages.



High-End Sound Quality in a Portable Design

Sonos Play:1

\$199.99

Remember the days when the bigger the stereo the better? If the speakers were oversized, it must have meant the sound was incredible. Today, smaller is better, with Sonos Play:1 as proof. Let's start with looks, which is important for any audio system. Sonos Play:1 gets an A+. It's sleek, modern, compact, and can easily fit in any home, including a tiny apartment. And it doesn't just look nice. With two state-of-the-art Class-D digital amplifiers individually coupled with two speakers, you get pure, clean, and smooth sound that easily fills an entire room. And then of course there's the tweeter that ensures an accurate high-frequency response. You can adjust the bass, treble, balance, and loudness controls so your music is always exactly how you want it.

But enough about the technical specs. What you really want to know is what makes it so smart. With reliable wireless streaming, you can rock out to your favorite tunes using popular services, including Spotify, Rdio, SiriusXM, and Pandora. Want to play music from your computer or smartphone? No problem. You can play music stored on up to 16 computers and wirelessly play your iTunes music from your smartphone. Download a Sonos Controller app on your smartphone or PC and you can change songs and adjust volume from anywhere in your home. The Sonos Play:1 makes it easy to fill your home with great sound without the bulk, wires, price, or complicated setup of a traditional stereo system.



THERMOSTATS



Photo by: AJ Batac

Creating the Perfect Home Environment with Honeywell Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat

Honeywell Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat \$175.00

Let's face it. Humans have become indoor creatures. We spend most of our time in our homes with our phones and computers. It only makes sense then that we make our habitat as comfortable as possible. That's the joy of the indoors, right? You can control the weather and you never face unexpected rain or (if you're on the West Coast) another day of hot, hot, heat. The Honeywell Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat is designed to do three main things: first, allow you to remotely control temperature; second, monitor humidity levels and other criteria affecting your home's atmosphere; and third, learn your energy use habits and adapt to them.

Despite the fact that you can do so much more with this smart thermostat, Honeywell's design makes it just as easy to use and navigate as your standard thermostat. The navigation is so intuitive and easy to follow, your grandparents would be able to figure it out (well, maybe). The best way to make it simple is to spend some time configuring the thermostat. Customize the names of each thermostat and room to easily distinguish among them. Then, you can select what thermostat you want to adjust and you can see its current status, such as the temperature and humidity level. You can also see the temperature and humidity outside to remind you exactly why you're staying indoors today.

Any good smart device comes with its very own app and the Honeywell thermostat is no exception. Through the app, you can check on your home's temperature and humidity, adjust the temperature, and set a schedule so the air or heat turns on or off when you come home from work. With the Honeywell Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat, you can start living the way humans were intended: indoors and on our couches with a bag of potato chips, lounging in a perfect 77 degree room.



The Beauty Pageant Winner of Smart Thermostats

ecobee3 Smarter Wi-Fi Thermostat with Remote Sensor

\$249.00

If you're vain like we are, you want your smart devices to look good while working hard. Who wants a smart device if it looks like a computer from the mid-90s or a cellphone from the late-80s? There are quite a few smart thermostats on the market now, but the ecobee3 Smarter Wi-Fi Thermostat with Remote Sensor might just be the best looking one (and the one with the longest name).

ecobee3's differentiating feature is within its tagline: "For homes with more than one room." They even trademarked the phrase they love it so much. The idea is that your home has multiple rooms, each with its own temperature. Some rooms tend to stay warm, perhaps due to windows, while others are chilly. Your standard thermostat reads the temperature of one room and adjusts to that, resulting in uneven room temperatures. ecobee3's remote sensors deliver the perfect temperature to the rooms that need it. You can have up to 32 sensors connected, so even the largest homes can use the ecobee3 thermostat.

Like other smart thermostats, you can remotely control the ecobee3 using its app, and the thermostat learns your habits and preferences so it can automatically adapt to them. The result is less wasted energy and a lower energy bill (the company claims the average is a 23% reduction). In that sense, the ecobee3 pays for itself in less than a year, which means you're essentially getting the ecobee3 for free, which means, what are you waiting for?



The OG of the Smart Thermostat, Now New and Improved

Nest

\$250.00

You know that guy who always says he liked a band five years before they became popular and mainstream? If you are friends with that guy (or you are that guy), you should probably be intimately familiar with Nest. Nest hit the home automation scene before home automation was cool. In 2011 (which was practically a million years ago), Nest released its first smart thermostat and what we'd all argue as the the first smart thermostat on the market. It was pretty ingenious at the time and, since then, the Nest has continued to improve. The newest upgrade, the third generation is Nest's masterpiece.

The third generation is the best looking, the thinnest, and the sleekest, with a bigger and sharper display. One of the new features is what Nest calls Farsight. Whenever you walk into the room, Farsight lights up so you can see the temperature you set or the time from across the room, depending on your preference.

Beyond looks, Nest also amped up the tech specs. They added additional temperature sensors so the thermostat is more accurate and smarter at understanding how your home naturally heats and cools so it can adjust accordingly. The third generation Nest even keeps an eye on your furnace, alerting you with a message to your phone if a problem occurs.

With the additional sensors and improved technology, Nest just might be the smartest thermostat in terms of understanding your home's heating and cooling tendencies and your preferences. And while there are quite a few great smart thermostats on the market right now, but if you prefer to keep it real with the original, the Nest is for you.



LIGHTING



Photo by: Tristan Ferne

Change Your Home's Light Colors as Often As You Change Clothing

Philips Hue White and Color Ambiance Starter Kit

\$199.99

Sometimes we just can't help but want more. Sure we have electricity and we should be satisfied with that, but we're not. We want more from our lighting. We want colors and variety and smart features. Now we can stop complaining and get what we want with the Philips Hue White and Color Ambiance Starter Kit.

Philips Hue is arguably the king of smart lighting, and at the very least, the most well-known offering on the market. Since launching their first smart light bulb, they've been hard at work expanding the features and creating more possibilities. The newest result is the White and Color Ambiance Starter Kit. The kit includes three Hue bulbs and a bridge, which you control using the Philips Hue app. But this kit isn't just for someone who wants to control their lights via an app. This is for those that want to create ambiance and transform the mood of a room, whether it's for movie night, a party, or a homemade dinner date.



Want to cue your lights with your TV viewing or gaming experience? Looking to sync light to your favorite music? Want the color of your lighting to match your mood? All of this is possible with this starter kit. Beyond the good looks, the starter kit is also smart. You can program your lights to turn on or off at certain times of the day, remotely control your lights, and choose from 16 million light colors, including natural light to help you concentrate and relax. The Philips Hue White and Color Ambiance Starter Kit is like a mood ring for your lighting, which is something we all need in life.

The Little Smart Light Bulb That Could

Flux WiFi Smart LED Light Bulb

\$35.00

When we think of smart light bulbs, we usually think of the Philips Hue. It's the biggest and most popular one on the market. It's the head cheerleader and star quarterback of Smart Light Bulb High School. This accolade is certainly well deserved, as the Philips Hue is a great smart device. However, it does overshadow equally as capable bulbs, including the Flux™ WiFi Smart LED light bulb.

Flux™ is on a mission to change the way you see light. With their WiFi Smart LED bulb, you have a nearly limitless array of options to improve the way you live in your home. Enjoy warm yellow light in summer and cool blue light in winter? You can change the bulb's tone. Want to change the colors of different bulbs for a party? That's doable, too. There are even color modes you can choose from for your party, or you can use the Music Sync feature to automatically change the lighting to match the beat of your music. Along with scheduling options and remote access via their app, the Flux™ light is nearly identical to the Philips Hue.

What separates Flux™ from the sea of other smart light bulbs is the fact that it doesn't require a hub or central controller. All you have to do is screw in the bulb, download the app, and connect to the bulb's WiFi endpoint. You can control up to 50 bulbs through the app, either individually or as a group. The Flux™ WiFi Smart LED light bulb is a must for the minimalist who is tired of hubs and just wants to make their home smart as efficiently as possible.



The Affordable Smart Bulb We've All Been Waiting For

GE Link Wireless Smart Connected LED Light Bulb

\$23.99

Smart light bulbs are one of the greatest home automation developments because it actually affects our everyday living more than any other appliance or product we use. Lighting is also responsible for a big chunk of our electricity bill. So why don't we all have smart lighting? Mainly, because it's expensive. Now, GE offers a smart lightbulb that won't drain your bank account. Not only is it significantly less expensive than any other smart light bulb, they also use 80% less power than traditional bulbs and, if used for three hours a day, last more than 22 years.

The GE Link is a wireless smart LED bulb that integrates with the Wink smart home platform, meaning it works with other Wink-approved products, including Lutron, Honeywell, and even other smart light bulbs, such as Philips Hue. Once you connect the GE Link with one of three hubs (the Link Hub, the Wink Hub, or the Wink Relay) and download the Wink app, you can control the lights, either individually or groups of them, from anywhere. You can also dim or highlight the lighting for a mood change, sync them with other smart products, and automate the bulbs to turn on or off at certain times of the day, such as when you first wake up or return home from work.

Best of all is the installation. As much as we love home automation, we don't always love the installation of some products, many of which are akin to building a space shuttle. With the GE Link, just connect the hub, twist in the bulb, turn it on, sync with the Wink app, and enjoy. With such simplicity, this makes a great gift for the technologically-challenged loved ones in your life.



SECURITY



Photo by: Ravi Shah

The Do-Everything Home Surveillance Video Camera

Dropcam Pro Wi-Fi Wireless Video Monitoring Security Camera \$199.99

Remember the early 2000s when cell phones with cameras came out? We all thought they were so cool, yet they took terrible photos. Nonetheless, we all had our Motorola Razrs. Fast forward a decade and smartphones take better quality photos than a lot of cameras. Today, we can't even imagine ever having used our smartphones from several years ago. The same is happening now with home security cameras, and the Dropcam Pro Wi-Fi wireless video monitoring security camera makes yours look like it's from the Stone Age. PC Mag's Editor's Choice in consumer home surveillance, there's not much the Dropcam Pro can't do.

A Nest product (not surprising), the Dropcam Pro is impressive upgrade from its first generation, the not-so-pro (but still impressive) Dropcam. The Pro features 8x digital zoom with enhanced video quality with a 130-degree wide field of view. With video streaming at 1920 x 1080 full motion, it's the best video you'll find on a home surveillance camera. Even the night vision is incredible, using just eight infrared LEDs.

As wonderful as the design, video quality, and sound is on the Dropcam Pro, the feature that truly sets it apart is Cloud Video Recording, an encrypted, cloud-based, digital video recording service. You can watch live video feed and rewind and watch previous footage. Using the buffered online video, you stream publicly, create video clips, download them, and share via email or social media platforms. With all the perks comes a price tag. Beyond the one-time fee for the camera, you'll pay a monthly fee, starting at around \$10. However, if video surveillance is a must for your family, the Dropcam Pro is the cream of the crop.



The All-in-One Video Camera, Motion Detector, and Home Health Monitoring

Canary All-in-One Home Security Device

\$195.00

There are countless ways to monitor your home, but the more you want to be able to do, the more devices you'll have to connect. And the last thing we want is our home littered with cords and our credit card weighed down with countless monthly fees for security systems, video surveillance, and other monitoring services. In an ideal world, we would have one device to do it all.

Your wish has now been granted, thanks to Canary and its All-in-One Home Security Device. For anyone who has ever been intimidated by setting up a security system or camera, this is the system for you. This system combines motion sensing technology, a wide-angle HD camera, and sensors that monitor temperature, humidity, and air quality. It's a 3-in-1 product we actually want.

This 1080p HD camera has several notable features, including a 147-degree wide-angle lens, night vision, and high quality audio. Built into the camera is a 90+ dB siren, motion-activated recording, auto-arm/disarm, and the option for professional monitoring. Through the Canary mobile app, you can receive instant video alerts and notifications when an alarm sounds or a motion detector is triggered. And let's not forget about the HomeHealth Technology. Through the device, you can monitor air quality, temperature, and humidity to evaluate how your home's environment may affect your health.

With no installation fees, contracts, or monthly fees - and with free secure cloud storage included - Canary is the simplest and smartest security system for its price. Simply set up the device, connect to the Internet, and you're ready to go. With Canary, there's no excuse to not secure your (or grandma's) home.



The Surveillance Camera That Does Exactly What It Says It Does

D-Link Wireless Day/Night Network Surveillance Camera with mydlink-Enabled \$39.99

They say that a Jack of all trades is a master of none. In many cases, this is true (no offense, Jacks of the world). As much as we love our all-in-one products, there's something satisfying about a device that does one thing, and does it well. If you share the same opinion, it's time you met the opposite of Jack (we'll call him Steve) — the D-Link Wireless Day/Night Network Surveillance Camera.

The D-Link Wireless Day/Night Network Surveillance Camera is just that — a wireless camera that records day and night. With the easiest installation known to mankind, you can setup the camera using your smartphone in under 10 minutes. Once setup, you can turn on the camera, which will run video during the day and automatically switch to night vision when it gets dark. Through the app, you can view the live feed remotely and receive push notifications when motion is detected.

The largest reason the camera is so inexpensive is the fact that it doesn't actually record any video. You can't watch footage later or rewind, so this camera isn't meant to completely replace your security system. But it's also not trying to. The D-Link camera is ideal for setting up around your home so you can check on it at anytime. You could use it as a baby monitor, or add a camera in every room of your house so you can check in while at work or on vacation. And with the push notification feature, you'll know immediately if any motion is detected. Whether you use this camera in coordination with your current security system, or if you aren't ready to completely commit to a home security system, the D-Link is an inexpensive and commitment-free way to amp up your home's surveillance.



DOOR LOCKS



Photo by: Frankieleon

Make Keys Obsolete with Your SmartPhone and This Device

Kwikset Kevo Smart Lock with Keyless Bluetooth Touch to Open **\$190.00**

While kids these days might be using their smartphones for SnapChat and sending unicorn emojis, you know that it can be so much more than that. With today's technology, your smartphone can become anything: a remote, a projector, even a key.

With the Kwikset Kevo Smart Lock, life can be easier, and your keys can become obsolete. Entering your home never needs to require more than a simple touch. Whether you're carrying groceries or one of your kids, the days of fumbling around for your keys are over. The Kwikset Kevo Smart Lock connects to your smartphone and creates an ekey that allows entry as long as your connected smartphone is on you. Have kids that constantly forget their keys? Not a problem, just set up their ekey. Have guests in town that need access to your place? You can send them an ekey too.

This device also allows you to track lock and unlock activity at your place. Are you an anxious worrier that frets over whether you locked the door? Just open the mobile app and check the status of your lock. This device has kept security in mind, too, but allowing you to add or delete ekeys, and offering a "lost phone" reset.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can still use this techy device by hooking it up to the included fob. Overall, we're impressed by the modern look and the secure features.



Now You Can Throw that Fake Rock Through the Window!

Schlage Connect Camelot Touchscreen Deadbolt with Built-In Alarm \$175.00

DING DONG! Do you have to ring your own door at your own house because you keep losing or forgetting your keys? Well, you can stop being the family joke when you bring the latest in lock technology to the table. Convenience, security, and a sleek look will make people think twice about making fun of you, and of course about breaking into your place.

This device is great even if you aren't tech savvy. All you need is a secure code and you can go keyless. No more bulky keys to stuff into your pocket or your purse. Take the dog for a walk or go for a run without having to find a spot to store your keys. Have a forgetful kid (who probably takes after you) and can't remember their keys? All they need to do is remember a code. The days of the fake rock are over.

The lock is a deadbolt, and it has a built-in alarm sensor.

Want to know who is entering and leaving your place, and when? Done and done. Spy on your kids, your spouse, or anyone that is in your place. Worried that someone got ahold of your code? Just change it.

We're a fan of the advanced features of this product, which even allow you to program temporary codes for dog walkers or cleaning services. It's easier than ever to be connected to your home, and these are truly the times that cater to the control-freaks and anxiety-prone.



The Future IS Here, and It's All About Smart Lock Options

OKIDOKEYS Classic Access-pack Bluetooth 4.0 Smart-lock System Compatible with Smartphone

\$230.00

With so many movies that have predicted a future of flying cars and advanced space travel, we might feel like we are falling behind. The true is though, we are making tons of advances with technology. We're getting pretty close to having smart houses; these days you don't even need your keys. OK, OK, so compared to flying cars, keyless entry sounds lame. But let's see how you feel about that next time you have your hands full and you need to get into your house. Keyless entry is one of those things you don't know you need until you have it, and then you can't live without it.

The OKIDOKEYS Access-Pack is all about options: automatic keyless entry that unlocks the door when you get close if you have your smartphone, or keyless tags and wristbands that can be used by guests, dog walkers, housekeepers, and forgetful kids and spouses. For those that live on the edge and let their smartphones die, these options make great backup. And if all else fails, you can go back to being a super uncool dinosaur that uses their old metal key.



Security is another feature that you'll love about this gadget, though we feel like sometimes you could interchange the words security and stalking. But we aren't judging. With the OKIDOKEYS Access-Pack, you can get notified every time your door is accessed, either for unlocking or locking. Now you can track your housekeeper or dog walker, or keep track of your kids. With control over accessibility by each key option, this device ends up being super practical for rental properties as well.

PETS



Photo by: Randy Robertson

Meet The Device That Makes Having Pets Less Complicated

Petnet SmartFeeder - Automatic Pet Feeder

\$149.99

Stop worrying that your pet is going to eat you in your sleep because you forgot to feed them!

Stop telling your friends that you can't hang out at happy hour because you have to feed your dog!

Stop overfeeding your pet and making them a roly-poly!

These are all things you can do with the Petnet SmartFeeder. Let's face it, having a pet is hard and it takes a lot of work. Anywhere that you can find a shortcut, take it. And of course what we mean by that you should do everything you can to make sure that your pets are getting a balanced and nutritious diet. Yup, that is exactly what we meant. Forget doing math, just use the SmartFeeder to measure out the proper portions of food based on your pet's measurements. Your vet is going to think you are a genius.

This handy device will save you time, and it will make sure your pet gets fed when it should, and how it should. You'll have one less thing to try to remember every day; hey, maybe now you'll remember to call your mother.

So, here's how it works: you use your smartphone. That's it. You connect the feeder to your device, and from there you can manage a feeding schedule and portions. You can even get notifications that the food was dispensed, so that if something goes wrong and Fido isn't fed, you are prepared with a nice juicy steak to make it up to him.



Hope Is Alive and It's a Self-Cleaning Litter Box

ScoopFree Self Cleaning Litter Box

\$149.99

Cats are great; litter boxes are sent straight from hell. Straight. From. Hell. All is not lost though, some angels have come along and created the ScoopFree Self Cleaning Litter Box to help save us all. Hope is alive.

If you want the arguably temperamental companionship of a cat, but have no interest in cleaning up after it, then this product is for you. Lazy people rejoice – this litter box will self-clean for weeks, and won't need you to scoop or refill. Unless you see the cat, you might forget you even have it since there will be no stinky litter box smell.

This product keeps you hygienic and probably sane as well. If you use the crystal litter, it will absorb and dehydrate waste to help manage odors (we would use that crystal litter!), and there is a covered trap that keeps solid waste out of sight and out of nose. There is also a leak-proof tray that will protect your flooring or carpet (keep your rent deposit!). Those trays are disposable, so there is never going to be any cat poop build-up for you to make faces at.

We're all for trying anything that is going to keep us and our home clean and odor free. So unless you want to invest in candles and air fresheners to cover the smell of a litter box that you have to clean every day, give yourself (and our noses) a break this season.



The Robot Vacuum That You Don't Know You Need (but you do)

iRobot Roomba 650 Vacuum Cleaning Robot for Pets

\$359.99

Do you have lint brushes stashed everywhere – in your car, at your desk, in your purse? Do people try to get you to come to their place constantly instead of coming to your place? Do you straight up sneeze all the damn time?

We're sorry to be the ones to tell you this, but you probably need to clean up your pet's hair better or more often. Luckily for you, we have found a device that does just that. Behold the iRobot Roomba 650 Vacuum Cleaning Robot. Yup, it's a robot vacuum, and it is going to change your life. This smart little device does the cleaning for you, and apparently it is clever enough to adapt to your floor plan and avoid falling down the stairs (which is more than we can say for you after Happy Hour). Another thing it does better than you? It picks up all the stuff. Like, allllll the stuff. Little stuff you can't see like dust, annoying stuff you can't get off like dog hair, and big stuff that missed your mouth like cereal.

This cleaning system is reliable too; you can schedule it to clean up to seven times a week. That equals out to once a day. There is no way you are cleaning your floors once a day right now. Even if you are, you aren't getting underneath your bed and sofa. But the iRobot Roomba 650 will. The best part, we have to say, is that when it is done cleaning up after you, it returns to its charging station all by itself.

If you want to keep up with the everyday mess that is you or your family, and keep your friends coming over, check out this awesome cleaning robot.



LOW COSTING DEVICES



Photo by: Scott Lewis

Turn Your Life On WITHOUT The Flip of a Switch

WeMo Switch

\$39.95

The revolution is here. The days of exerting all that extra energy to flip a light switch are over. OK, though, sarcasm aside, you can turn lights on and off with your voice. YOUR VOICE. Clapping on and off is so 1990.

The WeMo Switch is actually super cool, and it works for more than just light switches. It also works with your appliances and electronics. You can use your smartphone and the app to control power on plugged in devices, but if you also have the Amazon Echo, those appliances become voice controlled. Whhhhhhaaat? "Alexis, make the coffee brew!" "Alexis, turn on the telly!" We could get used to this.

If you are using the app, you can control your plugged in devices from anywhere. You can turn on your coffee pot while you brush your teeth without ever leaving the bathroom. If you can never remember if you turned off your straightener or your iron, WeMo will come to your rescue. If your lamp is just. so. far. away. and you can't get up to turn it off, just use your phone (or your voice!) since chances are it will be in your hands anyway. You can also use WeMo to set schedules, like for holiday lights.

All you need is a WiFi router and a smartphone or tablet, and you can hook your stuff up.



Get With The Times; This Smart Gadget Does The Work For You

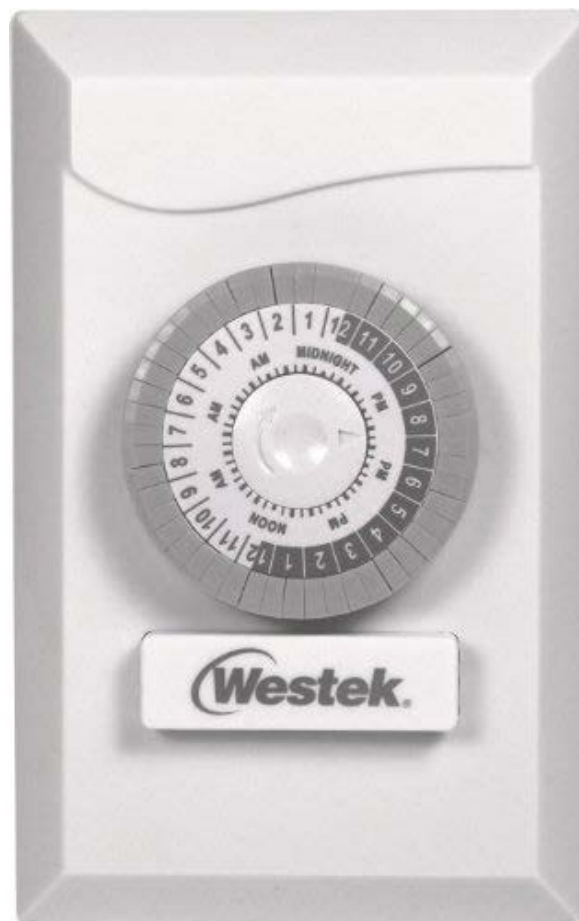
Westek Wire-In Mechanical Timer

\$52.50

Remember that scene in Home Alone where the kid makes it look like there is a party at his house to thwart the robbers? Well, that is one way of going about it. The other way is to get with the times and use a smart gadget to do all that work for you. Work smarter, not harder.

With the Westek Wire-In Mechanical Timer, you can control your universe with timers and programming. Do you have a roommate, spouse, or kid that just can never remember to turn off lights? Well they are wasting energy and ruining our planet. OK, fine, we're just being dramatic; but they are costing you money (gasp!). With this handy device, you can decide when the lights go on or off, so that you can save energy and add a level of security to your home. Are you home or aren't you? Burglars will never be able to tell if you program the lights to come on when it gets dark out.

With an easy installation, you can have full control over your indoor and outdoor lights, at your home or at your commercial property. There is an override switch for your convenience, but you can also block access to it for safety. This gadget also comes with a one year warranty, so if it doesn't perform, you're covered.



A Security and Motion Light for Lazy People Exists, and We Want It

Swiftly Done Solar Energy Motion Sensor LED Light

\$18.95

If you like your security to have a modern look, but you are waaaaay too lazy for a complicated install, we've found a little something you might be interested in. No wires. No batteries. No drills or screws. Do we have your attention?

The Swiftly Done Solar Energy Motion Sensor LED Light basically reveals all of its selling points in its name: solar; swiftly done; LED; motion sensor. Where do we sign up? Basically, this is a dream solution for anyone that just needs a little bit of security. With no wiring required, anyone can do this. Know a single woman, or a nervous dude, or have a kid that just got their first house? Done and done. Pick up this light that installs in seconds (yes, seconds!, unless you have been drinking...), and powers itself from the sun. Anything that powers itself from the sun is automatically super cool. Just stick it to the surface you want to secure, and BAM!, that light is mounted.

The light is inconspicuous, but durable, and bright enough for all kinds of places: that dark, creepy stairwell; the patio with all the furniture; the garden where the snakes hide. Once you start moving around, the light will pop on and lead the way (don't worry, it's bright but not blindly). If it isn't you that is wandering around, well, it will alert you that someone else might be lurking on your property. It has a five year lifespan, and it also seems to come with some screws. Since the screws aren't needed for mounting, they must just be a free gift with purchase! Bonus!



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