

Example communication bills for a household

The following are some example monthly bills for various combinations of services that Southport households are currently paying for compared to what those costs would look like on the Southport Fiber network.

Full Spectrum Bundle

Spectrum TV		\$110.95	
Spectrum Internet	100/10 Mbps	\$59.99	
Spectrum Voice		\$19.99	
Other Charges		\$16.45	
Taxes, Fees and Charges		\$7.97	Total \$215.55

DISH + Consolidated DSL

DISH TV		\$118.00	
Consolidated Internet	3/1 Mbps (DSL)		
Phone - Consolidated	Bundle with internet	\$80.00	Total \$198.00

Typical Spectrum Household

Spectrum Internet	100/10 Mbps	\$79.99	
Spectrum TV	Cheapest package	\$44.99	
Phone - Consolidated		\$34.99	Total \$159.97

Typical Southport Fiber Household

Southport Fiber	100/100 Mbps	\$69.99	
YouTube TV	With local channels	\$64.99	
Phone - MagicJack	\$26 per year	\$2.17	Total \$137.15

Low Cost Southport Fiber Household

Southport Fiber	50/50 Mbps	\$59.99	
Philo TV	No local channels	\$20.00	
Phone	WiFi calling	Free	Total \$79.99

What channels will I get with YouTube TV?

YouTube TV is a live streaming service that includes both regular local channels (WMTW, CBS 13, WCSH, Fox 23, Maine's CW, NECN, Maine PBS, etc.) plus 85+ other typical cable channels ranging from A&E to ESPN/ESPN2 to Disney, SyFy, and TruTV.

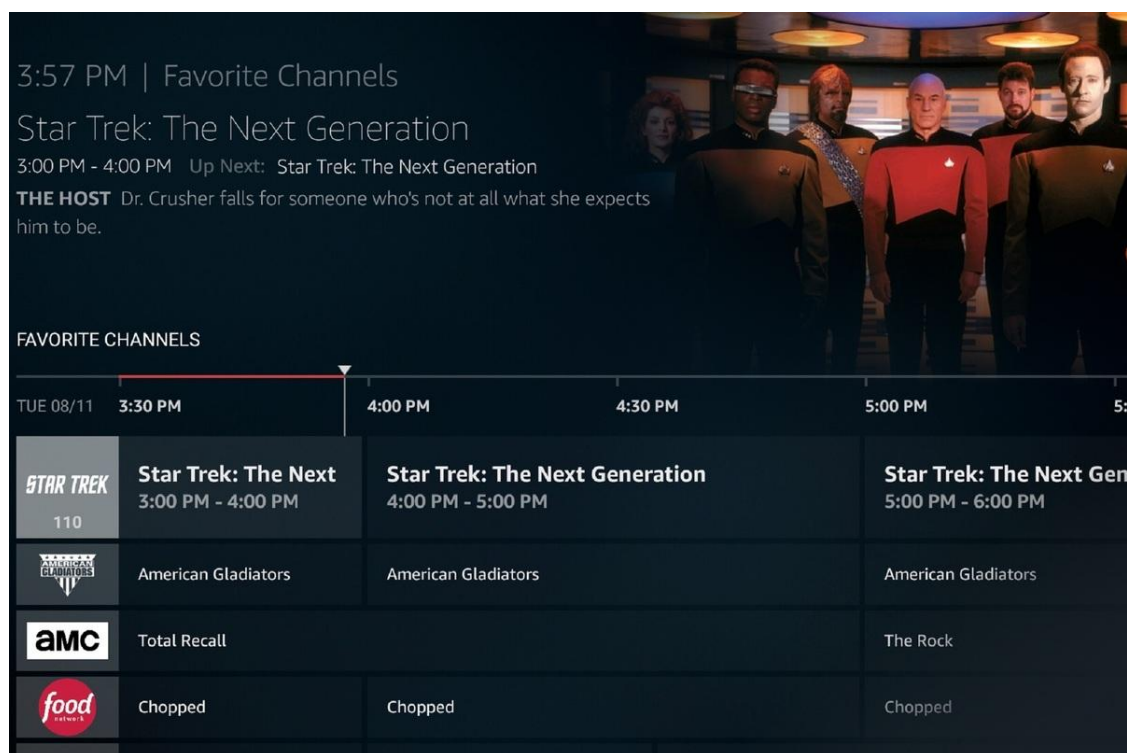
Spectrum claims to have 125+ channels in a typical TV package. However, they double count regular and HD versions of channels. The best way to compare for yourself is to look at the channels you actually watch:

<https://tv.youtube.com/welcome/>

What equipment do I need to buy to watch live streaming TV?

Maybe nothing, since most TVs built in the past 5 years will already support live streaming services. You can also watch on your smartphone, tablet, or computer; or through a gaming console like an Xbox or Playstation.

If you have an older TV or want to use particular extras like Alexa voice control or Apple integration, you can also plug in a small device about the size of a Bic lighter (Roku, Google Chromecast, Amazon Fire TV Stick), or a small box like AppleTV. The basic version of these devices costs about \$30.



Sample channel guide as shown using a Fire TV Stick

How can I save money on my landline telephone?

First of all, you do not need to change your phone service unless you want to. But if you would like to save money, the Southport Fiber network can help.

VOIP stands for “Voice Over Internet”. It means using your internet connection instead of copper telephone wires to talk to others on the phone. If you have a smartphone and service from a typical cellular provider like Verizon, ATT, T-Mobile, etc., you may be able to use your cell phone at home for no extra cost. Many places on Southport do not have good cell coverage, but you can still seamlessly use your smartphone over your internet connection -- for free!

If you really want a separate landline telephone, you can use a service like MagicJack. They provide a box you plug your regular telephone into and then just use it as you normally would for about \$26 per year. For a one-time fee of \$20, you can also keep your current phone number.

What will my home network look like?

If you have WiFi in your home already, all you need to do is plug your existing wireless router into the included fiber optic modem -- no additional fees apply.

If you are currently renting your wireless equipment for an additional monthly fee from Spectrum, you can replace the Spectrum wireless router by purchasing your own for about \$24.

