

TEN FIXES • ZERO DOLLARS • TONIGHT

The 10-minute internet tune-up

Squeeze real speed out of the internet you **already pay for** — free, tonight. If it's still slow after these ten fixes, it's the connection. Not you.

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● Do these in order — fixes 1 to 5

Most “slow internet” is really slow WiFi. These fixes cost nothing and take about a minute each.

01 Test it right, first

Plug a laptop **directly into the router** with an ethernet cable. Run a speed test (speedtest.net or fast.com). Write it down. Then test on WiFi from your couch.

- **Wired number low = your provider's problem. Big wired-to-WiFi gap = your problem — and fixable below.**

Wired: _____ down / _____ up

Couch WiFi: _____ down / _____ up

My plan says: _____ / _____

02 Move the router

Center of the home. Up high — a shelf, not the floor. Out of cabinets and closets. Away from the microwave, the TV, and fish tanks. **Walls and metal eat WiFi.**

03 Split your bands

5 GHz = fast, short range → TV, laptop, console. **2.4 GHz** = slower, goes far → doorbells, smart plugs, printers. Give them different names (Home-5G / Home-24) so devices can't pick wrong.

04 Dodge the crowd

In apartments and dense streets, your neighbors' routers fight yours. In router settings, set the 2.4 GHz channel to **1, 6, or 11** — try each for a day. Leave 5 GHz on auto.

05 Reboot monthly. Update firmware.

Unplug the router for 30 seconds, once a month. Check the router app for firmware updates while you're there. Boring. Works.

THE NUMBER	WHAT IT ACTUALLY MEANS
Download	How fast things come to you — streams, pages, updates
Upload	How fast you send — your face on video calls, cloud backups
Ping	Reaction time. High ping = laggy games and awkward call talk-over



PRO MOVE

One room always bad? A mesh kit beats a louder router. **Two nodes placed well** outperform one expensive box hiding in a closet.

• Fixes 6 to 10

06 Count your devices

Open your router app and count. **25+ devices on one consumer router is rush hour.** Change the WiFi password to kick freeloaders and forgotten gadgets — only the devices you re-connect come back.

07 Turn on QoS

“Quality of Service,” in router settings. It tells the router what goes first when things get busy. Put **video calls at the top**. One setting, calmer meetings.

08 Wire what doesn't move

TV, desktop, game console — run ethernet to them. Every wired device gets a perfect connection **and** frees up WiFi air for everything else. Flat cables tuck under baseboards.

09 Check your upload

Video calls stutter on **upload**, not download. Cable plans often push back only a small fraction of the advertised download number.

- If your upload crawls no matter what you do — no setting fixes that. That's the connection itself.

10 Retest and compare

Re-run fix 01. Compare against what your bill promises. Keep the numbers — they're your ammunition for the call to your provider, or your reason to switch.

• While you have the bill out...

73%

Americans who said their internet bill went **up** in the last 12 months.

REVIEWS.ORG INTERNET PRICING SURVEY

\$74.99

Median monthly bill in Consumer Reports' 22,000-bill study — **before** the vaguely-named junk fees a dozen-plus ISPs stack on top.

CONSUMER REPORTS BROADBAND BILL STUDY

Scan your own bill for line items you can't explain: “network enhancement fee,” “internet infrastructure surcharge,” equipment rental for a router you could own. Every one is negotiable — or a reason to leave.

• THE 7PM TEST

Run one speed test at noon and one at 7:30pm on a weeknight. If the evening number is way lower, you're on a **shared, congested loop**. No router setting fixes that — only a better connection changes it.

● Is fiber on your street?

If the tune-up didn't fix it, the problem is copper. Fiber is glass — and glass changes the physics.

Cable (coax)

Upload is a **fraction** of download.
You share the neighborhood loop — speed sags at 7pm.
Aging copper, weather-sensitive.

Fiber

Upload **equals** download — calls and backups fly.
A dedicated light signal. 7pm feels like 7am.
Glass. It doesn't corrode.

The 3-minute availability check:

1 FCC broadband map

Go to **broadbandmap.fcc.gov**, type your exact address, and look for “**Fiber to the Premises**” in the provider list. That's the real thing — not “fiber-backed,” not “fiber-fast.”

2 Check with your address

Provider sites give straight answers only when you enter a full street address. Zip-code answers are marketing.

3 Watch your street

Small colored flags, fresh conduit lines, utility markings — that's often a fiber build reaching your block. Availability can flip fast once crews show up.

THE TRIPLE CROWN GUARANTEE

The Quoted-Price Guarantee

When you check fiber availability with Triple Crown, you see the **complete monthly cost — equipment included — before you sign anything**. And if fiber isn't on your street yet, we say so on the spot.

ONE ADDRESS. ONE STRAIGHT ANSWER.

Check fiber on your street

Triple Crown checks real fiber availability for your exact address and quotes the full price up front. **No junk fees. No surprises at install.**

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SOURCES — Reviews.org internet pricing surveys (2025–2026) · Consumer Reports 22,000-bill broadband study. This tune-up is free — share it with anyone it helps, whether they ever call us or not.