

BVCC General Meeting

Cutting the Cord, Rob Truman - APCUG Wednesday Workshop 4-14-21

Cutting the Cord

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Full 2+ Hour Workshop

- **Can be found at**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeWU4JcR0IY>



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CORD CUTTING RESOURCES

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No matter how experienced a cord cutter you are everyone can use help from time to time. Here are a few cord-cutting resources to help make cord-cutting easier. You will also find links to the streaming services that offer free trials, a breakdown of what services offer what channels, DVR services, and Simultaneous Viewing information.

- **Cord Cutting** – cordcutting.com – a blog dedicated to exploring the world of cord-cutting, including streaming solutions and free over-the-air TV.
- **Grounded Reason** – groundedreason.com – has the aim of providing you with down to earth researched content around how technology can save us money and change everyone's life for the better.
- **Cord Cutters News** – cordcuttersnews.com – an outlet dedicated to providing the latest news and information around the latest streaming and cord cutting options.
- **Plex Cord Cutter** – cordcutter.plex.tv – resources dedicated to helping those that want to cut the cord (and use the Plex system).
- **Cord Cutting Report** – cordcuttingreport.com – updated regularly to give you the latest techniques for getting inexpensive Internet access and choosing the right

Summary of Approach

- **Determine if OTA antenna practical**
- **Determine channels that are a must**
- **Research**
- **Choose viewing device**
- **Call Cable Company & calculate savings**
- **Don't forget free trials**

Local Channels

- If OTA antenna not practical and local news/weather a must, look at YouTube –

Locals



ABC 40/29



Channel 5



Fox 24



KNWA



Arkansas PBS



OETA



OPTV



Telemundo 39



KHBS2

Things You May Miss

- **One-place guide – but check out justwatch.com streaming guide**
- **Some of cable news – limited shows available; CSPAN not widely available off cable (AT&T TV)**

Misc Items

- **If you have VPN service, can watch video streams that might only be available in other countries**
- **Hotspot Internet access > 10Mbps can also be used for video streaming – provided data limits are high enough.**
- **Internet service bandwidth isn't the only issue. Enough hours of streaming of HD video by multiple parties can exceed 1 TB in a month, so be sure you Internet monthly data limits match your usage plans.**