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Wi-Fi network

You *must* have a good wireless Router/Modem—ideally one that can reach all corners of your home. Install a Mesh network.

- Mesh Wi-Fi or Whole Home Wi-Fi systems consists of a main router that connects directly to your modem, and a series of satellite modules, or nodes, placed around your house for full Wi-Fi coverage.
- They are all part of a single wireless network and share the same SSID and password, unlike traditional Wi-Fi routers.

Mesh Wi-Fi

- 1. TP-Link Deco M9 Plus
- 2. Google Nest
- 3. Amazon Eero Pro 6



https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-wi-fi-mesh-network-systems **WWW.Kenmark.US**

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Smart lighting

- ❖ Lighting is the entry point.
- ❖ Many <u>smart lighting systems</u> work perfectly well without a central hub and are still capable of interacting with other smart home elements.
- ❖ Bulbs from Cree, LIFX, and TP-Link, for example, communicate over Wi-Fi
- Philips Hue bulbs—communicate via the Bluetooth radio in your smartphone.

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Smart speakers

Pulling out your smartphone to dim the lights on movie night? Saying "dim the lights" and having a smart speaker linked to your smart lighting do it for you.

The <u>Amazon Echo series and Google Home series</u> are the market leaders in this space.

Amazon has held the lead for the past few years. It has a much larger installed base, has enjoyed much broader support, and had the only smart speakers with displays for a time—Google is coming on very strong.



Apple HomeKit ecosystem HomePod smart speaker

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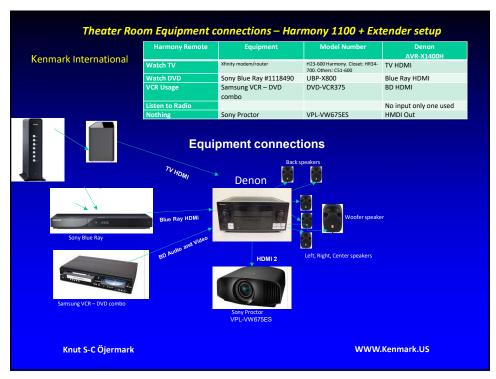
Multi-room audio systems

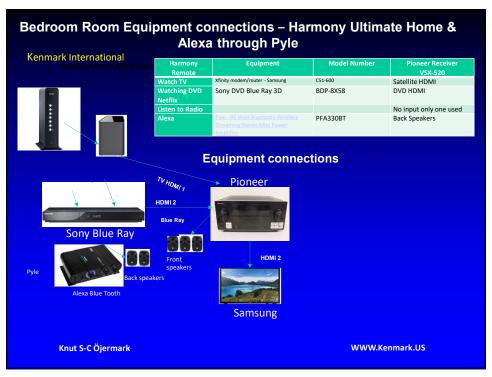
- ❖ Sophisticated multi-room speaker systems from Sonos, Yamaha (MusicCast), and Denon (HEOS).
- ❖ Self-contained, enabling you to drop speakers in multiple rooms in your home so you can stream music.
- ❖ Your own collection
- ❖ Online services such as Spotify to all of them in sync.
- ❖ Send different tracks to each one.

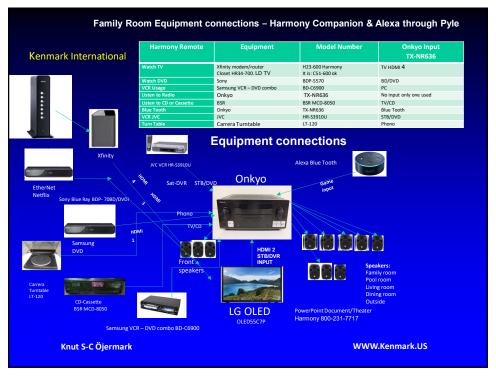
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Smart home guide Kenmark International Smart thermostats Few smart home devices can match a smart thermostat's ability to deliver both comfort and cost/energy savings. They can detect when you're home and when you're away, so that your HVAC system operates only when it's needed. The latest trend IS put in the rooms you occupy most frequently. Ecobee SmartThermostat with voice control Nest Learning Thermostat (3rd generation) Wyze Thermostat Knut S-CÖjermark WWW.Kenmark.US

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Home security cameras

- ❖ A quality <u>home security camera</u> will enable you to keep a watchful eye on your home, especially while you're away.
- ❖ Indoor models can monitor your children and pets.
- Outdoor models can catch prowlers in the act—and hopefully discourage them from coming around in the first place.
- ❖ Some models—from Ring, Arlo, Netatmo, and Maximus—incorporate lights that can illuminate your way.
- ❖ Cameras in doorbells can monitor your front and let you interact with visitors without needing to approach the door, or even be home at the time.

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Smart home guide Home security Wireless Motion Detector Motion Detector Model Number: 5800PIR Item Package Dimensions: 5.6" L x 6.3" W x 9.4" H Item Package Weight: 3.9 lb





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Home security cameras. Link.

https://www.top10besthomesecurity.com/outdoor-camera?bkw=best%20outdoor%20security%20cameras&bcampid=26778 9303&bcamp=Home%20Security%20US%20-%20Search%20-%20Bing&bagid=1179776845507239&bag=Security%20Cameras%20-%20Outdoor&btarid=kwd-73736172252724:loc-4084&bidm=be&bnet=s&bd=c&bmobval=0&bt=search&utm_source=bin g&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=Best%20Outdoor%20Security%20Came ras&utm_campaign=Bing+CPC+Campaign&c=73736220175845&m=e&k=73736172252724&binterest=&bphysical=43940&bfeedid=&a=B402&ts=&topic=&upf=&test=&msclkid=9024e09975e217733dd880889e234b43

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Smart smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

- Conventional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are inherently dumb devices.
- ❖ Their alarms might be loud, but if no one's home to hear them, what good do they accomplish?
- ❖ A <u>smart smoke detector</u> will sound a local alarm, too, but it will also send an alert to your smartphone, Security company and to anyone else you authorize as a contact.
 Nest

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Smart Irrigation

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- ❖ Water is our most precious resource.
- ❖ A <u>smart irrigation system</u> for lawn and garden get enough moisture to be healthy.
- ❖ Smart irrigation systems can also be complex, using a purpose-built app is usually better anyway.
- * Rachio builds our favorite products in this category, but Wyze Labs recently jumped in with a budget-priced competitor.
- **&** B-Hyve is inexpensive and great.

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Smart pool and span

- ❖ iAquaLink
- Complete pool and spa control with the touch of a finger
- Highest-Rated Pool Control App
- ❖ iAquaLink is free for Apple[®] and
 Android[™] smartphones and tablets
- Ultimate Convenience
- You don't have to visit the pool pad to turn valves or set up pump speeds. Do it all from the app or Alexa!
- * Anytime, Anywhere Control
- Control up to 32 pool/spa features through the app and a web-connected smart device

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> TP link – Kasa app

Start a Smart Home the Easy Way

Forget about complicated setups that include hubs and other accessories, Kasa is simple. All you need is a WiFi connection, and Kasa will get you set up.

Control and Manage from Anywhere

The friendly and easy-to-use Kasa app puts control in your hands, allowing you control and manage your smart home from anywhere.

Control Your Home Using Your Voice

Use simple voice commands and Alexa or Google Assistant to control any of your Kasa products.

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- A word about IFTTT
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- ❖ IFTTT (If This Then That).
- ❖ It can enable thousands of smart home devices to interact with thousands of other smart home devices.
- ❖ Most powerful ways of making disparate smart home devices work together is to open an IFTTT account.
- ❖ A service in which an action by one device (or service) can trigger an action on one or more *other* devices or services.
- ❖ IFTTT was once a free service, but it is no longer. IFTTT Pro account, which costs \$3.99 per month.

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- A word about IFTTT
- (If This Then That)
- ❖ One, for example, will trigger your Philips Hue smart bulbs to flash when a timer you set on an Amazon Echo runs out.
- Expressed as an applet, this would be "When the timer on my Amazon Echo runs out" (the *if this* half of the applet), then flash my Philips Hue smart bulbs (the *then that* half of the applet).

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Smart home guide Kenmark International A word about IFTTT (If This Then That) IFTTT is super simple to use: To create an applet, go to the IFTTT website and then point and click on the service or device you wish to use as a trigger (the this in If This Then That). Link them to your IFTTT account. Then point and click on the service or device(s) you wish to act when that trigger is activated.











