TV & Internet: KingsPt & Valencia

If you live in Kings Point or Valencia Lakes, your community affects your TV and internet choices. Your HOA may already pay for some of your service — so read this before you buy anything new.

Spectrum vs Frontier: the simple version

- Spectrum — the cable company. They sell internet and TV together on one bill. The internet comes through the same cable line as the TV. TV packages come with lots of channels.
- Frontier — a fiber company. Fiber is a glass line that runs straight to your home. It is the same speed uploading as downloading, which is nice for video calls. Their fiber plans start around $30 a month for 200 Mbps, though prices change often.
- The honest difference — Spectrum is built around bundles of TV plus internet. Frontier is built around internet alone — you pair it with streaming services for TV. If you already pay for TV through your HOA, Frontier-style internet can be all you need.
- One warning: Frontier still sells older DSL internet in some areas. DSL is much slower than fiber. If you choose Frontier, make sure you are getting fiber, not DSL.

What your community already includes

- Kings Point — the community has a bulk deal with Spectrum. As reported in home listings and the community's own announcements, the HOA fee includes cable TV and high-speed internet, with free Spectrum receivers.
- Valencia Lakes (Wimauma) — home listings for the community report that the HOA fee includes Spectrum cable TV with premium channels plus high-speed internet as a bulk package. Because exact packages, speeds, equipment, and which streaming apps are activated change over time, check with your HOA or your own Spectrum account for the current package.

- Don't pay twice. The bulk cost is baked into your HOA assessment. Ask your HOA what is included before assuming that switching to another provider will save you money — you might just add a second bill.

Spectrum's free streaming apps

Spectrum's mid-level TV plans and up include about nine streaming apps at no extra cost. (The cheapest TV Lite plan does not include them.) Here is what they are, in plain words:

- Max — HBO shows and big movies (with ads).
- Hulu — current TV shows and originals (with ads).
- Disney+ — Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and Star Wars.
- ESPN Unlimited — live sports and ESPN shows.
- Paramount+ Essential — CBS shows, news, and movies.
- Peacock Premium — NBC shows, sports, and movies (with ads).
- FOX One — FOX shows and live sports.
- AMC+ — AMC shows and movies (with ads).
- ViX Premium — Spanish-language shows and sports (with ads).

Note: Packages change Streaming-app bundles change often. If an app is listed here, turn it on through your Spectrum account or the Spectrum app. Packages change — check your Spectrum account for what yours includes today.

YouTube TV vs Hulu + Live TV

These two services replace cable over the internet. Both include your local channels and an unlimited DVR — a recorder in the cloud that saves your shows for about 9 months.

- YouTube TV — about $83 a month. Over 100 channels, unlimited DVR, and 3 screens at once. The most like cable, and the easiest to use.
- Hulu + Live TV — about $90 a month. Over 95 channels, unlimited DVR, and 2 screens at once. The bonus: it also includes the Hulu on-demand library, Disney+, and ESPN+.

- Which to pick? If you mostly want live channels, YouTube TV costs a little less and carries a few more channels. If your household also wants Disney+ and Hulu's shows, the Hulu bundle can be the better deal.
- Prices change often. Both services raise prices regularly. Check the current price before you sign up.

Thinking of cutting the cord?

- You still need internet. Streaming services need your internet connection — “cutting the cord” only cuts the TV part, not the internet part.
- A simple antenna gets your local channels — news, weather, and big-network shows — for free over the air. A basic indoor antenna is cheap and needs no monthly fee.
- But check your HOA first. If Kings Point or Valencia Lakes already includes cable TV in your fees, you are already paying for TV — an antenna or a streaming service would be on top of it, not instead of it.

When to call Sean instead

- You are not sure what your HOA already includes and don't want to pay twice.
- You want to compare your total bill before switching anything.
- A streaming service or the Spectrum app won't sign in or keeps buffering.
- You want an antenna set up for free local channels.

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