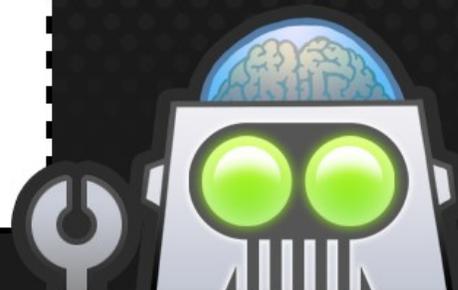




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## Saving Money With Your Phone.

If you have a high speed internet connection (like DSL or cable) you can use that to make phone calls at little or no cost to you.

**Skype** – Skype is a free program, owned by Microsoft that you can use to make audio and even video calls from your computer. Of course your computer will need a web-cam, microphone and speakers. These are standard equipment on most laptops and are [available for most desktop computers](#). If the person you're calling also has Skype then you can make these calls absolutely free. [Skype is available for Windows PC's, Macs, and Linux computers](#) but not for Chromebooks.

If the person doesn't have Skype then you can call any phone in the US and Canada for just \$2.99/month with a service called Skype Out. You can also pay by the minute if you prefer and calling plans are available for most countries in the world. With a feature called [Skype To Go](#) you can also place the calls from your phone rather than from your computer.

*[Video introduction to Skype – more.](#)*

### Google+ Hangouts

You'll need a [free Google account](#) and then you can sign up for Google+ (which is a social network like Facebook) and use that to create “circles” of your friends, family, or whatever other group you want. “Hangouts” - video calling for up to 10 people at a time is available for free. You can also use Google Hangouts to video call from your tablet, smart-phone, Chromebook, or any other PC running Windows, Mac OSX or Linux.

### Appear.in

It's the easiest way to video-conference over the internet. <https://appear.in/> It will work with any computer with a webcam and mic or just a mic for audio-conferencing and can accommodate up to 8 people at a time.

### Google Voice

With a [free Google account](#) which will give you [Gmail](#) and then you can sign up for [Google Voice](#) and a phone number. Like Skype you can place the calls from your computer. Unlimited US and Canada calls are free for 2014. Google may eventually charge for this service but it has been free for the last 4 years. International calling isn't free [but is reasonable](#).

## **Ooma**

You can purchase an [Ooma Telo for around \\$110](#), connect it to your home network and a telephone and [place calls from that phone](#). The quality is great and ongoing costs are taxes that can average \$5 per month.

## **Cell / Mobile Phones.**

If you opened this article because you want to save money on your existing cell-phone plan try [Clark Howard's website](#). He has lots of tips on saving money.

Are data overage charges eating you alive now that most cell phone providers have limited how much data you can download per month? Check out [Onavo Extend](#). It's available for both iPhone and Android. [Here's a review](#).

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