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With record-breaking rainfall in many parts of eastern South Dakota leading to localized flooding, we thought it would be helpful to reshare information on various smart home devices that can be used with your home's internet/Wi-Fi to alert you to and help in preventing disaster at home before it strikes.

Whether it's alerting you to a wet floor, flooding, an appliance failure, or just wanting to check in on your property with cameras, smart home devices can assist you manage your household while away. Or something as simple as, regulating a thermostat for comfort or to save money. Below are a few smart home device picks that our staff has tested and have put to good use!

## These Smart Home Devices Can "Save The Day!" While You're Away

Check Out These Devices That Can Alert To You About An Appliance Failing, Flooding, & Allow You To Regulate Temps in Your Home, Cabin, or Rental While You're Away

### FOR REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS



GoveeLife® Wi-Fi Refrigerator or Freezer Thermometer with Alarm

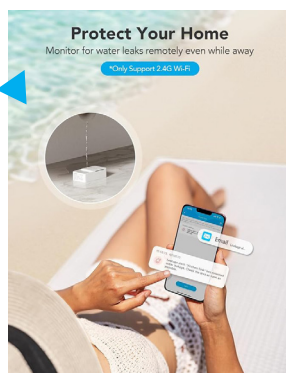
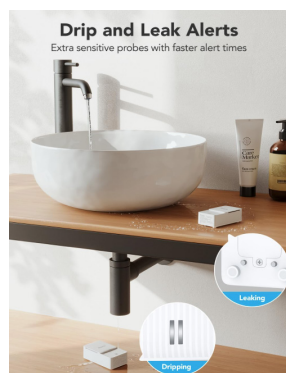
AMAZON, \$69.99

- 24/7 Smart Alerts - Get App notifications remotely even while away
- Data Storage - 2 years free can be exported
- Range of - 40 to 158 degrees
- Thermometer connects to a Wi-Fi gateway

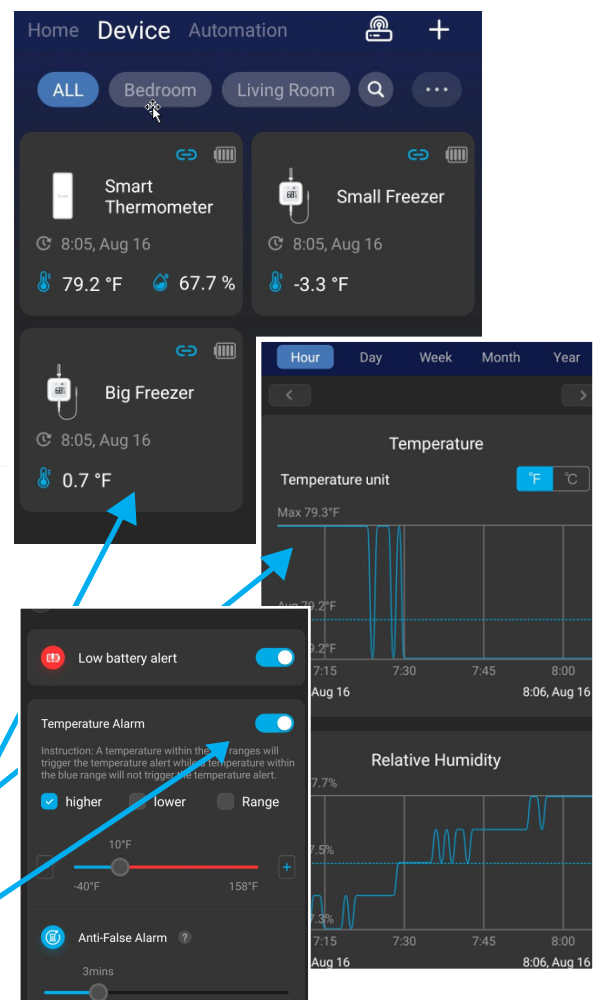
### FOR MONITORING FOR WATER LEAKS

GoveeLife® Wi-Fi Water Leak Detector 2  
AMAZON, \$119.99 (\$79.99, Limited time deal)

- 24/7 Smart Alerts - Get App notifications remotely even while away
- Extra sensitive probes with faster alert times
- IP66 Waterproof and 2 Year Battery Life
- Gateway range for monitoring is 1,968 ft



Screenshots of readings from appliances via the GoveeLife® Thermometer App!



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## Smart Home Devices “\$ave the Day!” While You’re Away (Continued)

**FOR ENERGY-SAVING COMFORT**

# Nest® Thermostats

**Google, Best Buy, Home Depot, Lowes,  
Target, and Walmart**

**Nest Thermostat, \$129.99**

Learning Nest Thermostat (3rd Gen) - **\$249.99**

Learning Nest Thermostat (4th Gen) - **\$279.99**

- Adjust your thermostat while you're away
- Create and select temperature presets
- Change modes from Heat, Cool, Fan Only
- Comfort with energy & cost savings

Nest	Learning Nest 3rd Gen	Learning Nest 4th Gen
Plastic Housing	Metal ring	Stainless steel ring
Crisp display with mirror glass lens	High-res with Farsight to show you time, temp, and weather	60% larger bordless display, customize home screen, time, temp, humidity, outdoor air quality, more
Swipe and tap side to adjust	Turn dial and press down to adjust	Turn dial and press down more detailed



**FOR PEACE OF MIND**

Blink® Smart Security

**Blinkforhome.com, Amazon, Home Depot**

Blink Outdoor 4 Floodlight - **AMAZON, \$129.98**

Blink Whole Home Bundle 2nd Gen - **AMAZON, \$179.97 \$99.97 Limited time deal**

- Save and share clips conveniently in the cloud
- Answer your door from anywhere, see and speak
- Day/Night View, Two-Way Audio, Battery or Wired, Chime Alerts

## Blink Subscription Plans for Devices

**Blink Basic:** \$3.00/mo. or \$30/yr - 1 Blink Devices

**Blink Plus:** \$10/mo. or \$100/yr - Unlimited Blink Devices



Ring Home Security Systems [ring.com](https://ring.com), Amazon, Best Buy, Lowes

**Video Doorbell Pro - \$229.99**

Video Doorbell Plus with Head to Toe - **\$149.99**

Video Doorbell - \$99.99 (2020 release)

Connected Basic Kit (Doorbell & Stick Up Cam)- **\$179.99 (2nd Gen)**

- See who's at the door / Works with Alexa
- Video History of 180 days
- Motion detection, Two-way Talk and Quick Replies, Color Night Vision



## Ring Subscription Plans for Devices

**Basic:** \$4.99/mo. or \$49.99/yr - 1 Device with Person, Pkg & Vehicle Alerts

**Standard:** \$10/mo. or \$100/yr - includes Basic + Doorbell Calls, Ext. Live View, Alarm

**Premium:** \$19.99/mo. or \$199.99/yr - includes Std + Smart Video Search, Video SOS Emergency Response and more

## *In Streaming News...*



On August 21st, ESPN launched its new direct-to-consumer streaming service and enhanced app with new features. Sport fans, for the every first time, will be able to access ESPN's full suite of all 12 sports networks and services available.

Boasting 47,000 live events, on-demand replays, studio shows and original programming multiview options, integrated game stats, betting information, fantasy sports and commerce, along with a personalized “*SportsCenter For You*” designed with fans in mind. ESPN’s Unlimited Plan is \$29.99/mo. Their “Special Launch Offer” which includes ESPN, Hulu (not LIVE TV) and Disney+, \$29.99/mo. for 12 months. <https://plus.espn.com>



Fox also launched a new app on August 21st. FOX One will encompass all of Fox Corporation's news, sports, and entertainment for \$19.99/month. FOX One paired with Fox Nation is \$24.99/month.

Fox One sports programming will include NFL, MLB, college football and basketball, UFL, NASCAR, IndyCar, FIFA World Cup coverage across Fox Sports, FS1, FS2 and the Big Ten Network.  
<https://www.fox.com>

## MSNBC rebrands to MS NOW

MSNBC will rebrand that network to *MSNOW* (My Source New Opinion World), a split from NBC News, NBC removing from its name and the Peacock logo as Comcast spins off a new cable company, Versant, with independent programming.

*Congratulations*  
**Julie (Wolf) Bostrom**  
New Effington

**2025 / 2026  
Directory Cover  
Photo Winner!**



**Thanks to all the participants  
of this year's photo contest.  
Your photos were amazing.**



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