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No longer free to stream personal content on Plex

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Hi Plex User,

As of April 29, 2025, we're changing how remote streaming works for personal media libraries, and it will no longer be a free feature on Plex. Going forward, you'll need a **Plex Pass**, or our newest subscription offering, **Remote Watch Pass**, to stream personal media remotely.

As a server owner, if you elect to upgrade to a **Plex Pass**, anyone with access to your server can continue streaming your server content remotely as part of your subscription benefits. Not sure which option is best for you? Check out our plans below to learn more.

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 jhguth • 15d ago

They gave everyone over a month's notice so you could lock in lifetime passes before the price changed

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 GoofyGills • 15d ago

Correct. Notice went out on March 19th.

<https://www.plex.tv/blog/important-2025-plex-updates/>

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It's still free to stream, it's not free to remote stream (without other workarounds to make plex think you're watching locally). Remote streaming has used Plex's servers as intermediaries, and with more people using plex than ever before, they can't not charge for that access anymore.

It is included with Plex Pass, so there's no additional fee, although the price of Plex Pass just went up this week (also announced over a month ago).

The workarounds work, and you should have no fear using them, because you're providing the infrastructure to remote watch from anywhere, not plex. For instance, using a VPN to act as if you were on your home network would skip Plex's relay servers entirely, and thus not incur a cost for them.

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 **diffraa** • 15d ago

Paywalling formerly free features is ALWAYS an asshole move.

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 **SandKeeper** • 15d ago

It's a recurring cost for them to use their servers. They don't care if you use a vpn to your home network and then watch that way.

They can't offer something for free that has an ongoing cost for them that's not how business works.

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 **Nacho_Dan677** • 15d ago

It's important to mention this only applies to server owners without Plex pass. Those of us that opted to get Plex pass lifetime. Our members will be unaffected.

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 **Curun** • 15d ago

Most needed it to benefit from gpu transcode anyway. Lot of nothing news

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 **YaBoiLeeDawg** • 15d ago

Linus talked about this last month on WAN

 **alexjimiting** • 15d ago

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Feels misleading to not make it clear this relates specifically to remote streaming

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 **thelastsupper316** • 15d ago

Fuck Plex, jellyfin for life

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