

The Hide-Your-Router Checklist

Hide the box without killing your Wi-Fi

1. Before You Move Anything

- Write down your router and modem brand and model.
- Check with your internet company if they offer one combo modem-router box instead of two.
- Note where the cable comes into the room. That spot limits where the box can go.
- Stand in the rooms you use most and check your phone's Wi-Fi bars first, so you know your starting point.
- Never plan a fully closed metal box. Wood, fabric, books and plants are the safer cover.

2. Measure Your Space

Spot	Measure	Your number
Router	Width, depth and height, plus the antennas standing up	
Modem	Width, depth and height, plus the power plug	
Shelf or stand	Open width and depth where the box will sit	
Air gap	Leave 2 to 3 inches of open space around both boxes	
Lease rules	Whether you can drill, or if you need a no-holes option	

3. Free Fixes (No Purchase)

- Move the box behind a basket, a plant or books you own, with air on all sides.
- Stand books or a frame in front, leaving the top and back open.
- Tuck the cords behind the furniture so only the box shows.
- Cover the brightest light with tape from your junk drawer.
- Move it up higher in the room, not into a cabinet.

4. Keep the Signal Strong

- Keep it off the floor and out of corners.
- Keep it away from metal, mirrors, microwaves and thick walls.
- Pick vented wood or open-backed covers, not solid boxes.
- Run a speed test before and after you hide it.

- If the signal drops, pull it out a few inches and test again.

5. Match the Problem to the Fix

Problem	Try this	Check first
Ugly box on the TV stand	Vented wooden router hider	Box size and ventilation holes
Box on an open bookshelf	Hidden storage book box	Depth of the shelf and book colors
Blinking lights at night	LED dimming stickers	Light color and brightness
Not sure yet	Do the free fixes first	Run a speed test after each change

6. Speed Test Log

Where	Before	After	Notes
Living room			
Bedroom			
Kitchen			
Office			