

Your Essential TV Buying Checklist

Take this list to the store or use it online to make smart, easy decisions.

What to Know

Your Notes

Budget	Set your max budget to quickly narrow choices.	My max budget: _____
TV Size	Use our Calculator to find the right size TV for your room.	Distance from TV: _____ ft Desired screen size: _____ in
Room Lighting	Lighting affects picture performance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bright <input type="checkbox"/> Dim <input type="checkbox"/> Dark <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed
Panel Type	OLED: Best blacks; QLED: Bright colors; LED: Budget option.	<input type="checkbox"/> OLED <input type="checkbox"/> QLED <input type="checkbox"/> LED
Resolution	4K is standard and best value; 8K costs more with little content available.	<input type="checkbox"/> 4K <input type="checkbox"/> 8K <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
HDR	Enhances color & contrast for more lifelike images.	<input type="checkbox"/> HDR10 <input type="checkbox"/> Dolby Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Not important
Refresh Rate	120 Hz = smoother for sports/gaming; 60 Hz fine for general use.	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 Hz <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Hz
Sound	Built-in speakers often sound thin; soundbars (bundled or separate) offer better audio.	<input type="checkbox"/> TV speakers <input type="checkbox"/> Soundbar <input type="checkbox"/> Soundbar bundled w/TV <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
HDMI Ports	Count how many HDMI devices you'll connect. See our video for help.	HDMI ports needed: _____
Additional Ports	For older audio/video equipment or special devices. Check what you plan to connect.	<input type="checkbox"/> USB <input type="checkbox"/> Optical audio <input type="checkbox"/> Coaxial <input type="checkbox"/> Ethernet <input type="checkbox"/> Bluetooth
Mounting	Decide if you'll use a stand or wall mount.	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand <input type="checkbox"/> Wall mount
Streaming & Smart Features	Built-in streaming (e.g., Roku) or external device?	<input type="checkbox"/> Built-in smart TV <input type="checkbox"/> External device <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred platform: _____
Warranty	Decide if you want an extended warranty. General advice is to avoid extended warranties.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

 **Gamers:** Low input lag, HDMI 2.1, 120 Hz for smooth gameplay.

 **Movie Buffs:** OLED + Dolby Vision for cinema-like viewing.

 **Sports Fans:** 120 Hz reduces motion blur; bright panels help in well-lit rooms.