

6 iCloud+ Features You Should Be Using

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6. Share capacity with relatives

iCloud+ plans range from 50GB to 12TB. And while you can use 50GB or even 200GB on your own, you can still make the most of your unused space by inviting friends and family.

Once you set up an Apple Family Sharing group, up to six people can use your iCloud storage. Plus, they all get access to the benefits below for their own accounts, so you don't have to pay to upgrade each account individually.

Tip : If you use other Apple services like Apple Arcade or Apple Music , consider subscribing to Apple One to bundle those services and save money.

5. iCloud Private Relay

Private Relay is a feature that hides your browser in Safari to make it harder for online entities to track you. It scrambles your IP address when you connect to a website, making it harder for websites and ISPs to associate activity with your name.

This feature isn't as powerful as a VPN , since you can't choose the remote server location, and it only works in Safari. It's not a one-click security solution, since there are other ways you can be tracked online. But if you're already paying for iCloud+, it's worth turning on.

Apple also says the feature will 'protect your unencrypted internet traffic,' but since the vast majority of websites today use encrypted connections, this isn't a huge issue.

4. Hide My Email

We've all received a bunch of spam emails after signing up for a service. The next time you need to sign up for a service but don't want to give out your real email address, iCloud+ has an easy solution. Hide My Email can generate as many random email addresses for different services as you want.

If you want to create a new email address for later use, go to **Settings** > **[Your Name]** > **iCloud** , then scroll down to the **iCloud+ Features** box and tap **Hide My Email** . Tap **Create New Address** and you'll get a random address. If for some reason you don't like it, tap **Use Different Address** to try again.

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Hide My Email

Keep your personal email address private by creating a unique, random address that forwards to your personal inbox and can be deleted at any time.

bravado_6d@icloud.com

Important: If you need to reference or manage this address, you can find it in iCloud Settings.

Continue

Use Different Address

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Label Your Address

You can add a note to help you remember how you use this email address.

casinos.0f@icloud.com

Label Your Address

Make a Note (Optional)

After pressing **Continue** , you'll see a prompt to label the address and add an optional note. This is a good place to note the service you're using, the expected time of use, etc.

3. Custom domain email

Many people haven't heard about this awesome perk of iCloud+ until now. If you own a web domain or are thinking about buying one, you can create a custom email address at that domain using iCloud+. It's cheaper and easier than paying for email hosting from a dedicated host, so it's worth setting up if you want a more professional email domain on your website, resume, social media pages , or the like.

Go to the **iCloud+ Features** box mentioned above, then tap **Custom Email** . You'll see an overview page; tap **Continue** to go through the steps. Since this requires you to own a web domain, you'll need to provide your domain credentials, or the wizard will guide you through purchasing a domain from Cloudflare.

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Custom Email Domain



Custom email addresses

Use iCloud Mail to send and receive email using a custom domain, like you@yourname.com.



Buy or bring a domain

Already own a domain? Set it up to use with iCloud Mail. Don't have one yet? No problem. You can buy one.



Share your domain

Once you've set up your domain to use with iCloud Mail, you can invite others to use the domain for their email too.

Continue

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Cancel



Get Your Custom Email Address

Use iCloud Mail to send and receive email with up to 5 custom domains. You'll be able to share with family, or anyone with an iCloud+ subscription.

Buy a Domain



If you don't already have a domain, you can buy one to use for your custom email addresses. Purchase will be made through Cloudflare.



Use a Domain You Own



If you already have a domain, set up the email addresses you want to use with iCloud Mail.



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Share Your New Domain

Share with friends and family, so everyone can have their own custom email addresses on your domain. Who will be using this domain?



Only You

You will be the only person using email on this domain.



You and Other People

You and your family or friends will use email on this domain.



Warning : Note that the storage of any email accounts you use this way will count against your iCloud+ storage limit. You may need to free up space in your iCloud account .

2. HomeKit video storage

If you have HomeKit -compatible security cameras in your home, iCloud+ includes access and storage for their video feeds. This feature is available in the Home app and, like other features, lets you share access with others.

By default, people you add can view your camera feed when they're home, but will need your permission to access it when they're out. Footage also doesn't count against your iCloud storage, which is nice.
















If you haven't added your camera to the Home app, open the app on your phone, then tap the plus icon to set up your camera. To make sure you've saved your Home data to iCloud, go back to the **Settings menu > [Your Name] > iCloud** . Tap **See All** in the **Saved to iCloud** box , then make sure **Home** is turned on.

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-  iCloud Calendar On >
-  Contacts
-  Reminders
2 KB
-  Safari
-  News
-  Stocks
-  Home
-  Fitness+
-  Wallet
-  Game Center
-  Siri
-  Freeform
-  Journal
-  Phone & FaceTime

My Home

Discover Home

Explore the possibilities and see how easy it is to add accessories to your home.

Add Accessory

Scan code or hold iPhone near the accessory.

[More options...](#)



Scan a Setup Code

Look for a QR code on the accessory, packaging, or instructions and position it in the camera frame above.



Hold iPhone Near Accessory

You can also hold iPhone near this symbol if it appears on the accessory.

1. Apple Invites

Apple Invites is a strange app. It lets you create dynamic digital invitations for in-person (or online) events. Anyone can RSVP to an invite sent using the app, but you need iCloud+ to create the invite.

There are some interesting ideas with Apple Invites, like automatically sharing weather and address information so everyone has the full details. You can also post messages for last-minute updates, create collaborative Apple Music playlists to showcase at events, and create shared photo albums to capture memories.

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