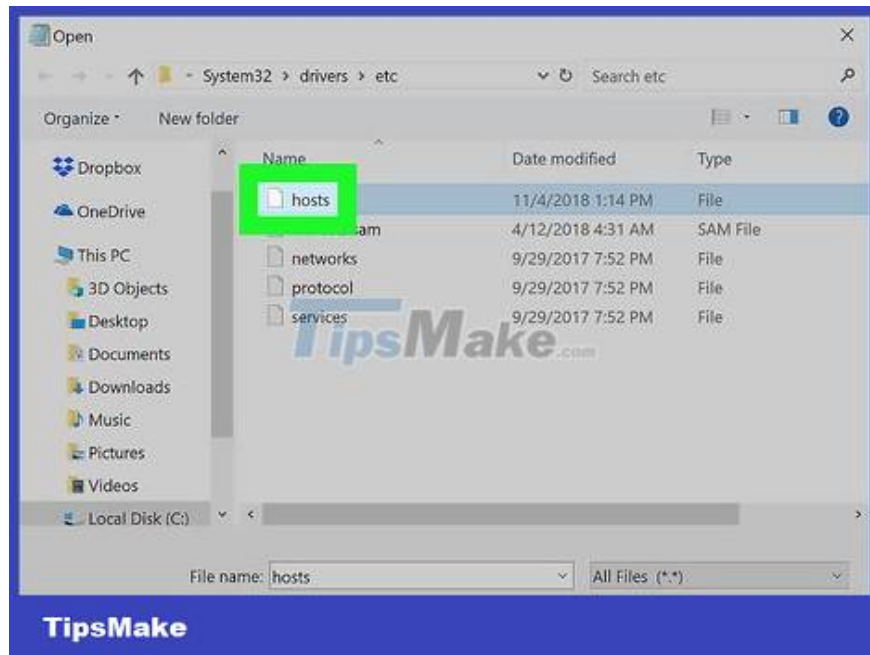


How to Block YouTube

This article shows you how to block YouTube access on your computer, smartphone or tablet. Blocking YouTube on your computer can be done by changing system files and using the free OpenDNS service to block YouTube on the network. iPhone users can block YouTube directly from the 'Restrictions' menu in the Settings app, while Android users will have to download a few additional apps to block YouTube.

Block YouTube on all computer browsers



Open your computer's "hosts" file. You can do this on a Windows computer or on a Mac computer. Once you open the "hosts" file and see the request for an address, proceed to the next step.

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#
# Additionally, comments (such as these) may be
# lines or following the machine name denoted
#
# For example:
#
#     102.54.94.97      rhino.acme.com
#     38.25.63.10     x.acme.com
#
# localhost name resolution is handled within
#     127.0.0.1       localhost
#     ::1             localhost
127.0.0.1
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Enter the YouTube address in the last line. You would type 127.0.0.1 and press Tab, then type youtube.com and press Enter.

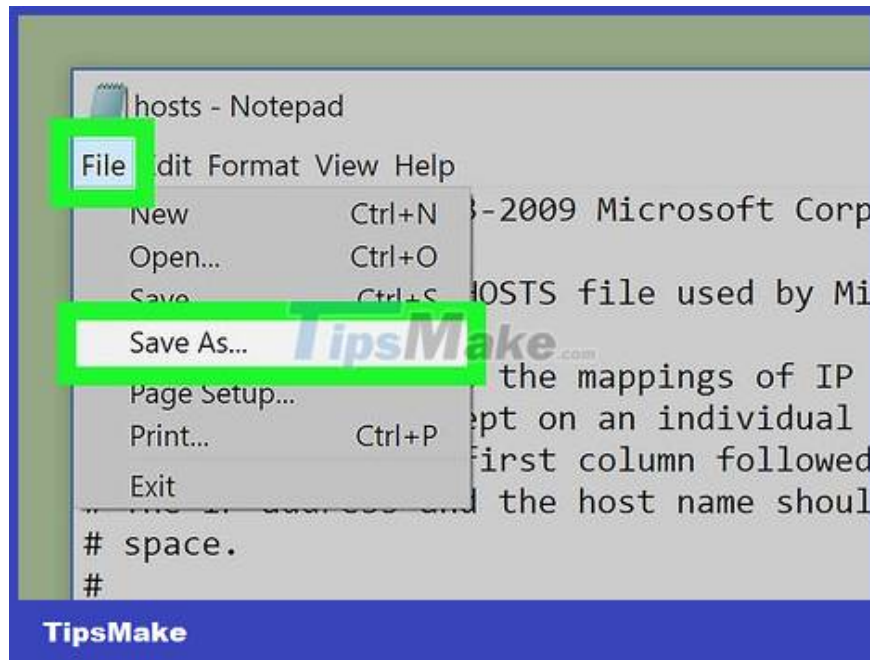
If you use Chrome, you need to add a space after the YouTube address before entering www.youtube.com.

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127.0.0.1 m.youtube.com
```

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Add address to access YouTube mobile version. Enter 127.0.0.1 again and press Tab, then enter m.youtube.com and press Enter.

Again, if you use Google Chrome, you'll need to add a space and the "www" part in YouTube's address.



Save the "hosts" file in the following way:

Windows - Click **File** , select **Save As.** , select **Text Documents** , select **All Files** in the selection box, select the file "hosts", select **Save** , and select **Yes** when asked.

On *Mac* - Press Control+ X(*not ?* Command + X), press Y when asked, and press ? Return.

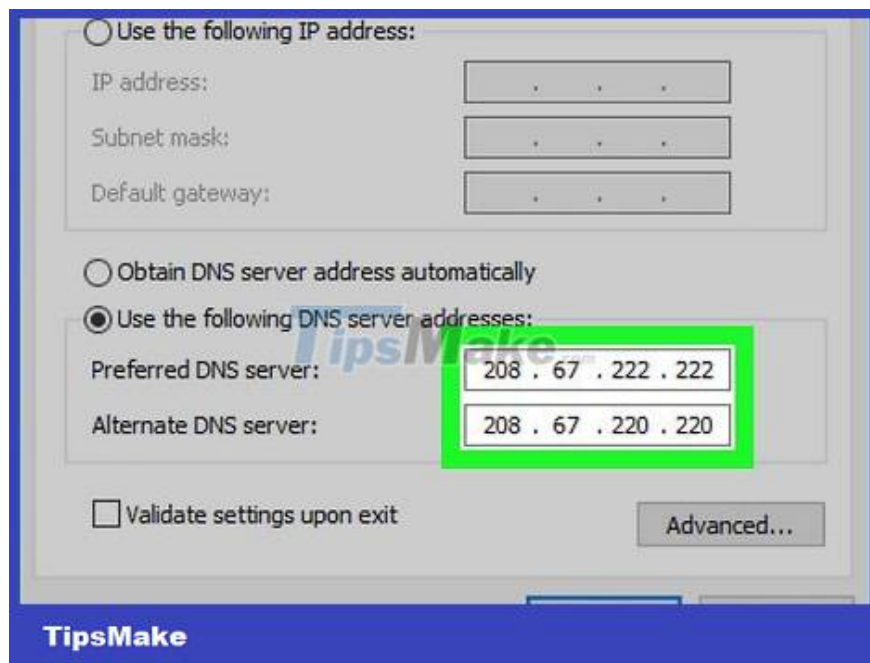


Restart the computer. After editing the "hosts" file, it's best to restart your computer to ensure the changes are applied:

On *Windows* — Click **Start** , Select **Power** , and select **Restart** .

On *Mac* — Click the **Apple menu** , select **Restart.** , and click **Restart** when asked.

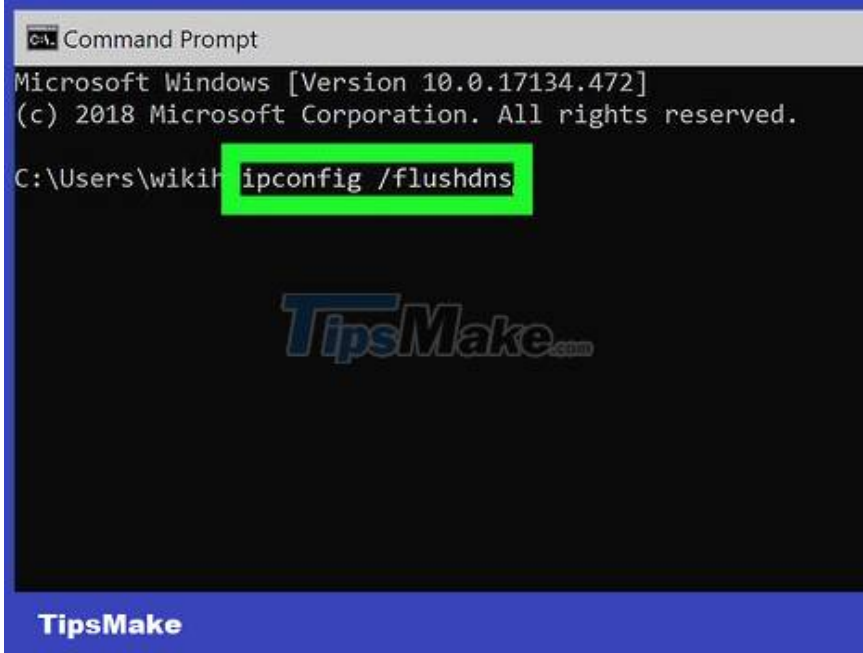
Block YouTube on the network



Change your computer's DNS settings to use the OpenDNS server. Before blocking websites on your home network, you need to set up your computer so that it can use the DNS server address controlled by OpenDNS:

On *Windows* - Right-click **Start** , select **Network Connections** , select **Change adapter options** , right-click your current network connection, select **Properties** , select "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)", click **Properties** , check the box "Use the following DNS server addresses", then enter 208 . 67 . 222 . 222 in the first box and enter 208 . 67 . 220 . 220 in the next box according to. Click **OK** on both windows to save.

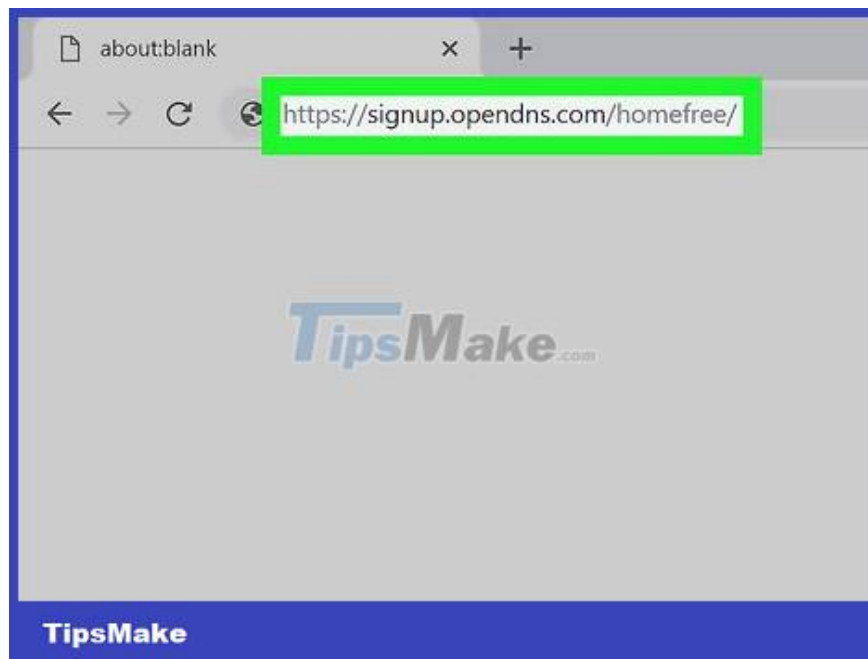
On *Mac* - Click the **Apple menu** , choose **System Preferences.** , click **Network** , select the name of your current network, click **Advanced.** , click **DNS** tab , click ? in the lower left corner, enter 208 . 67 . 222 . 222, click ? again and enter 208 . 67 . 220 . 220. Click **OK** , then click **Apply** to save.



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C:\Users\wiki> ipconfig /flushdns
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Clear your computer's DNS cache . This is the operation to delete remaining settings that may affect the new DNS settings.



Open the OpenDNS registration page. Visit <https://signup.opendns.com/homefree/> from your computer's web browser.

Looking for threat protection?
Learn more about Cisco Umbrella

Already have an account? Sign in

All fields are required

Email address
wikihowsteve@gmail.com

Confirm email address
wikihowsteve@gmail.com

Select your country
United States of America

Create password
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Confirm password
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GET A FREE ACCOUNT

By clicking "Get A Free Account" you agree to the OpenDNS Terms of Service and Privacy Policy

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Create an OpenDNS account. Fill in information in the following fields:

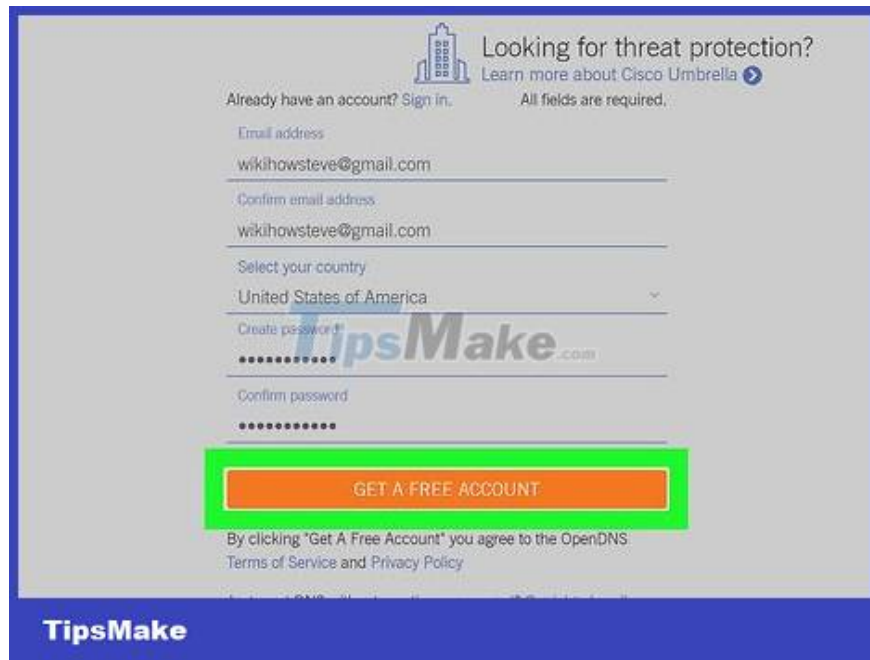
Email address - Enter the email address you want to use to register for OpenDNS (this must be an email address that you can access).

Confirm email address - Enter the email address again.

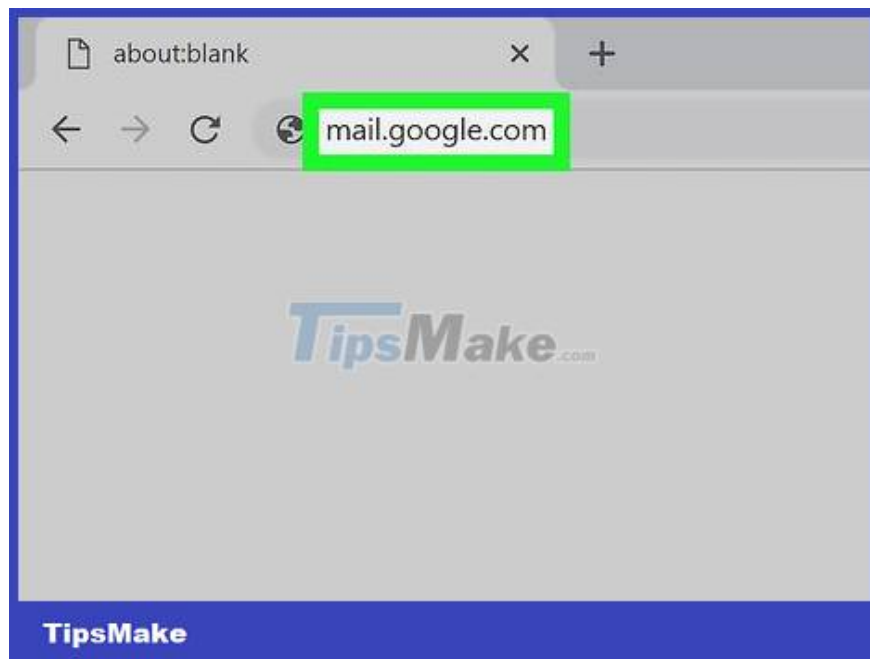
Select your country - Select the country you live in in the selection box.

Create password - Enter the password you want to use for your account (this should be different from your email address's password).

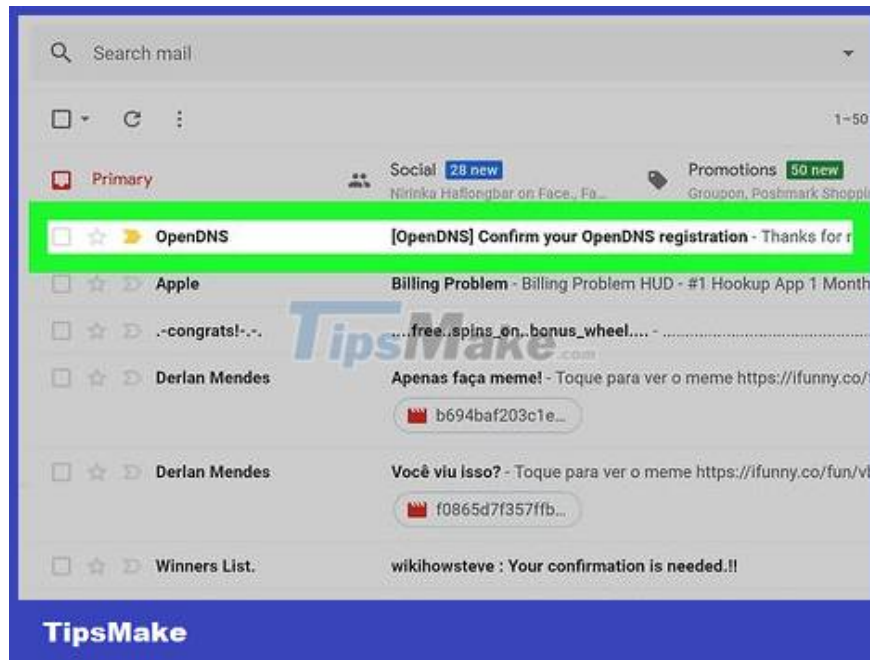
Confirm password - Re-enter the password.



Click the orange GET A FREE ACCOUNT button at the bottom of the page. This involves creating an account and sending a verification email to your email address.



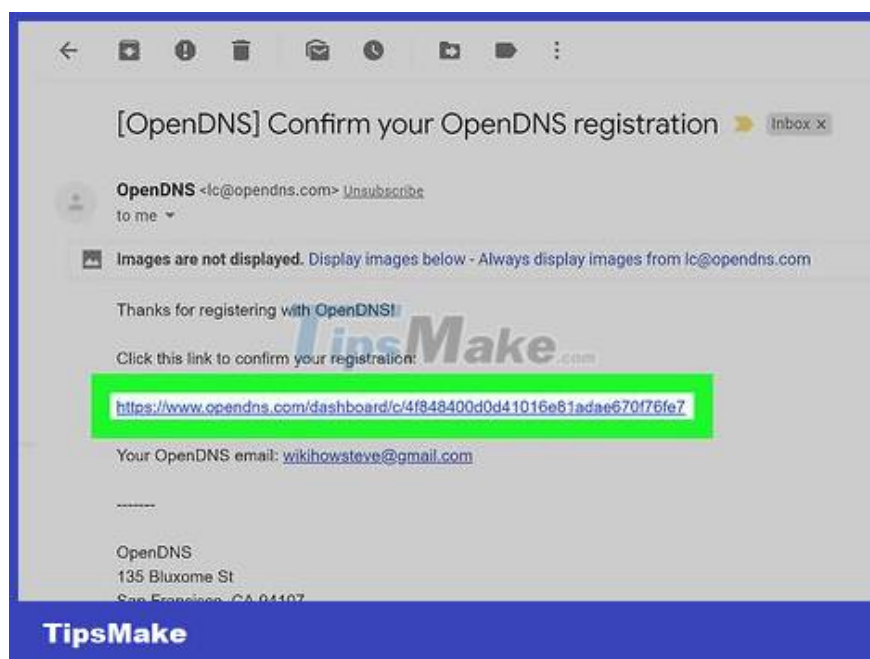
Open the email address associated with the OpenDNS account. This is the email address you used to create your OpenDNS account.



Select verification email. Click the email titled "[OpenDNS] Confirm your OpenDNS registration".

You may see emails in your "Updates" folder if you use Gmail.

If you can't find the email, try checking your "Spam" or "Junk" folder.



Click on the verification link. It's the link below the "Click this link to confirm your registration" heading. With this, your email address will be verified and you will be redirected to the OpenDNS dashboard page.



Click the **SETTINGS** tab. This is the first option on the dashboard page.



Click **ADD THIS NETWORK** . You'll see this button below your current network's IP address. The screen now has a new window.



Name the network system. You just need to enter any name in the data entry field at the top of the displayed window.



Click DONE . It's in the bottom right corner of the window.



Click on the network address. This is the information displayed in the middle of the page. The settings page for the current network appears after clicking.

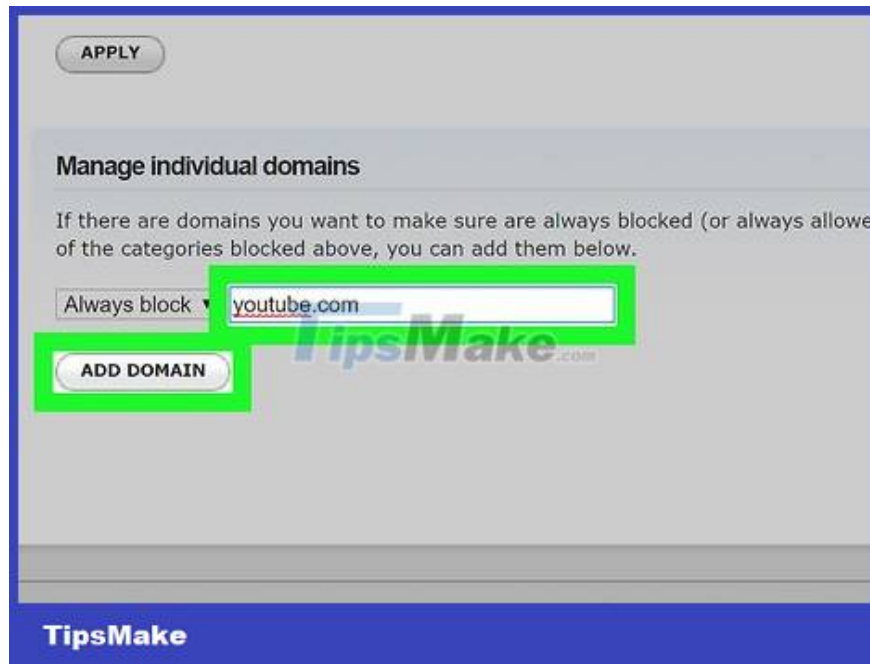


Consider blocking all video sharing sites. As such, sites like YouTube, Vimeo, and the like are blocked:

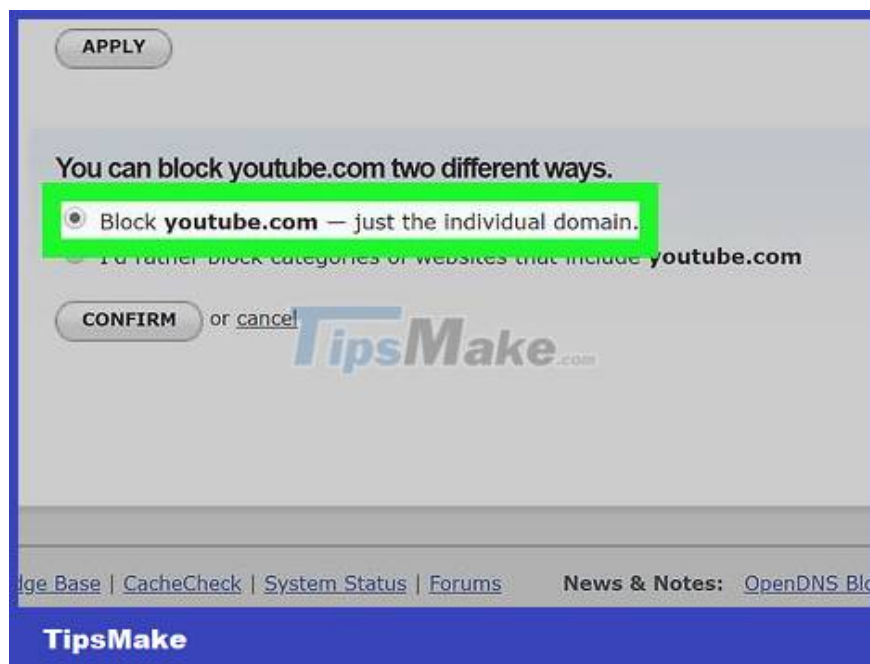
Check the "Custom" box.

Check the "Video Sharing" box.

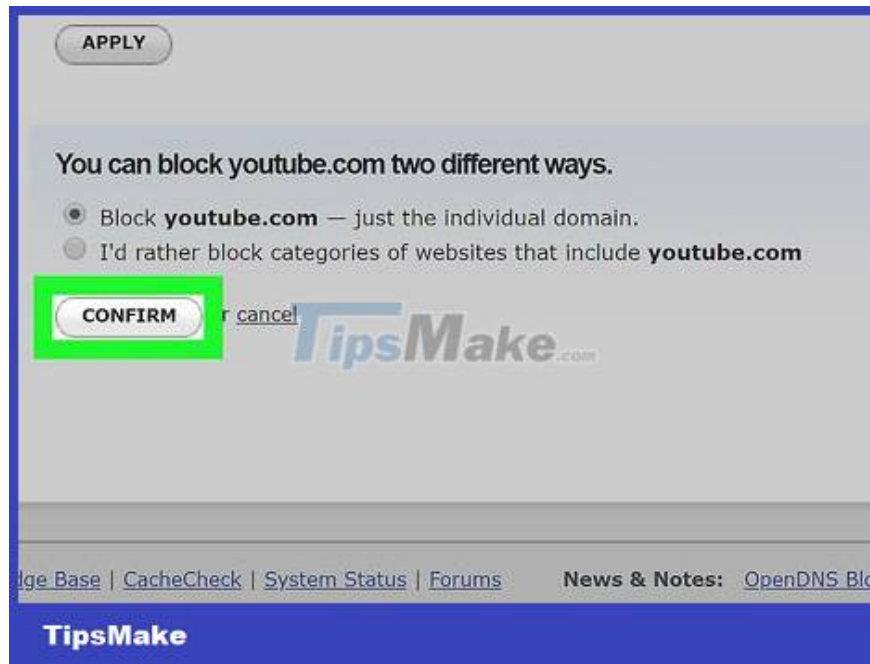
Click **APPLY** .



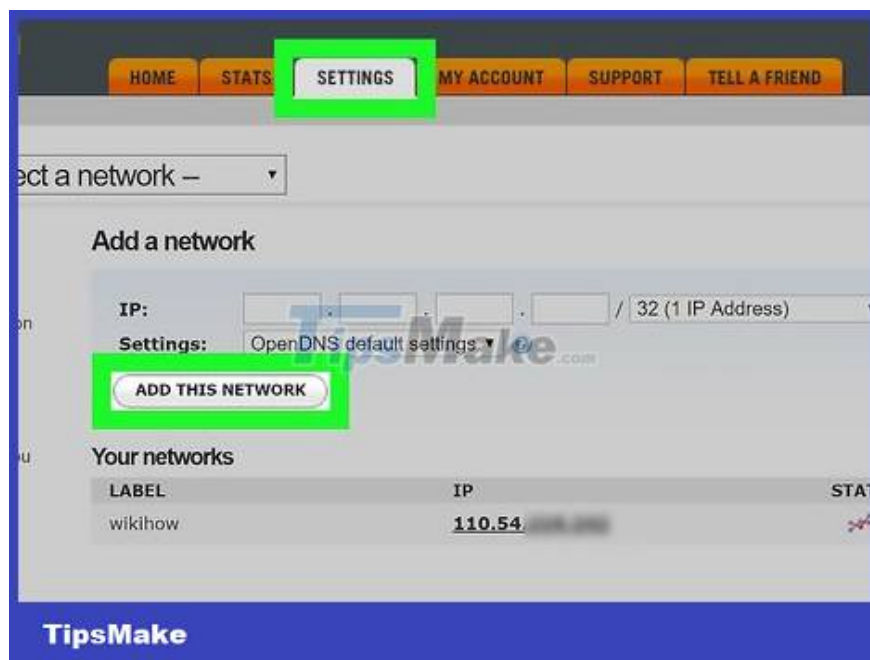
Enter the YouTube address. You'll enter youtube . comthe data entry field and then click **ADD DOMAIN** .



Check the "Block" box. This is the box that appears above the gray CONFIRM button .



Click **CONFIRM** at the bottom of the page to confirm setup and block YouTube on your computer.



Add another computer to the OpenDNS list. Do the following on any computer where you want to block YouTube:

Change DNS settings to use OpenDNS servers.

Go to <https://login.opendns.com/>, then enter your OpenDNS account's email address and password.

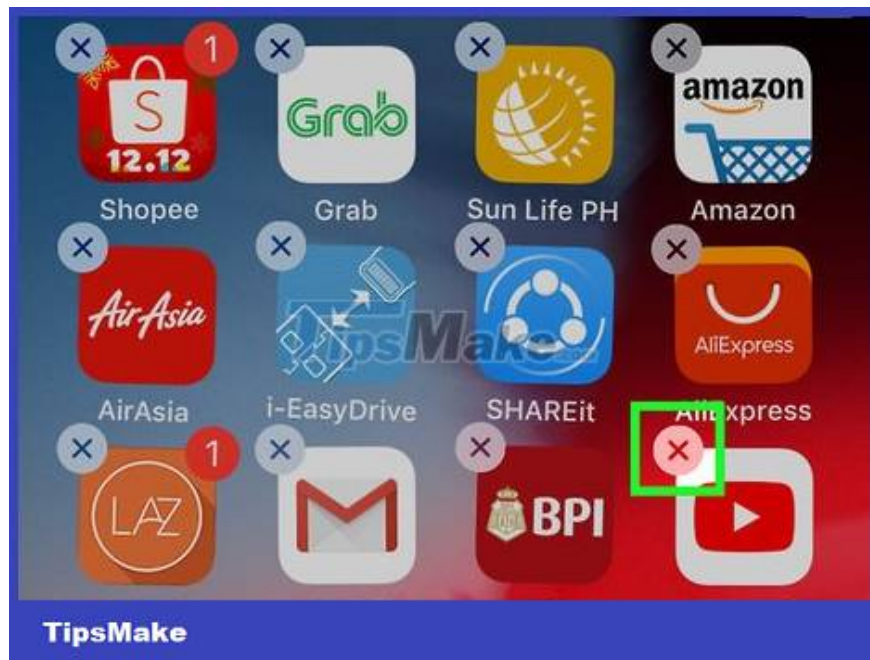
Click the **SETTINGS** tab .

Click **ADD THIS NETWORK** , then enter a name and click **DONE** .

Click the IP address for the network connection you just added.

Block YouTube (and video sharing if necessary) via the Web Content Filtering menu.

Block YouTube on iPhone



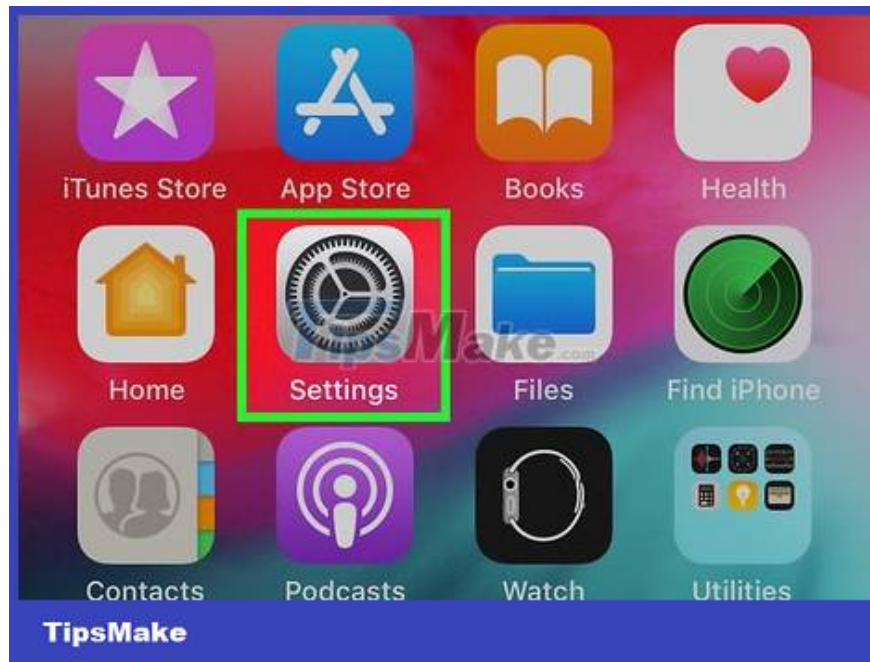
Remove the YouTube app if you have it installed. Here's how to prevent others from accessing YouTube using the app:

Touch and hold the YouTube app icon.

Release when you see the app icon start to wiggle.

Tap **the X** in the upper left corner of the app icon.

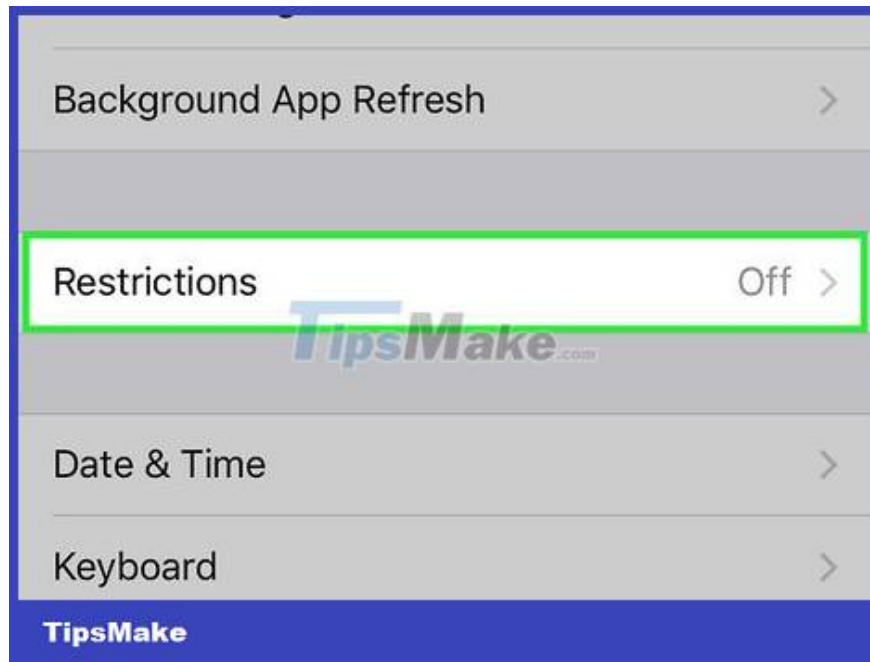
Tap **Delete** when asked.



Open your iPhone's Settings. You will touch the Settings app with the gear icon in the gray box.



Swipe down and tap General. This is an option near the top of the Settings page.



Swipe down and select **Restrictions** . It's near the middle of the **General** page.



Enter your password to open the Restrictions menu. Enter the PIN you used to unlock the Restrictions menu.

The Restrictions passcode may be different from the iPhone unlock code.

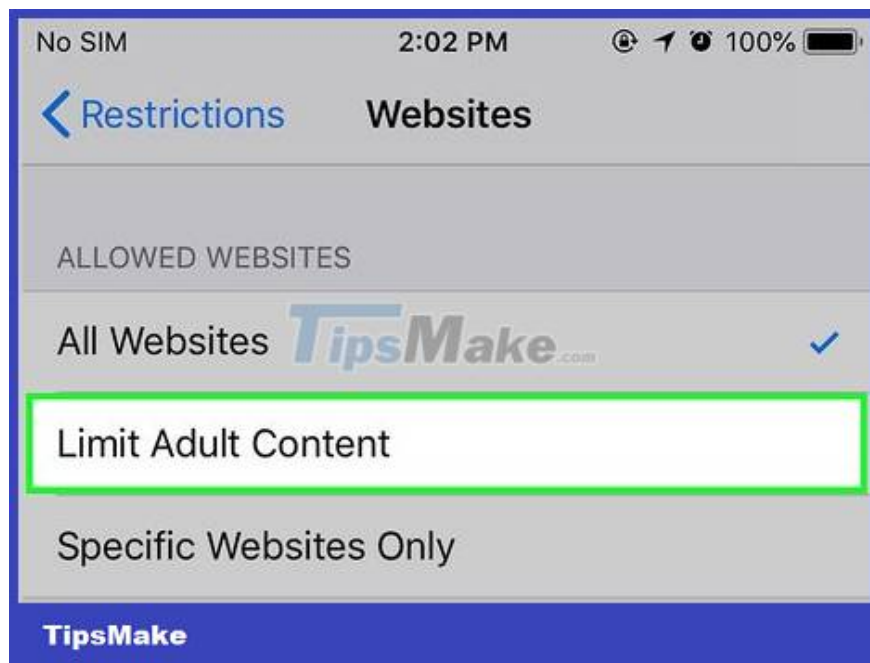
If you don't have Restrictions turned on, first tap **Enable Restrictions** , then enter the passcode you want to create twice.



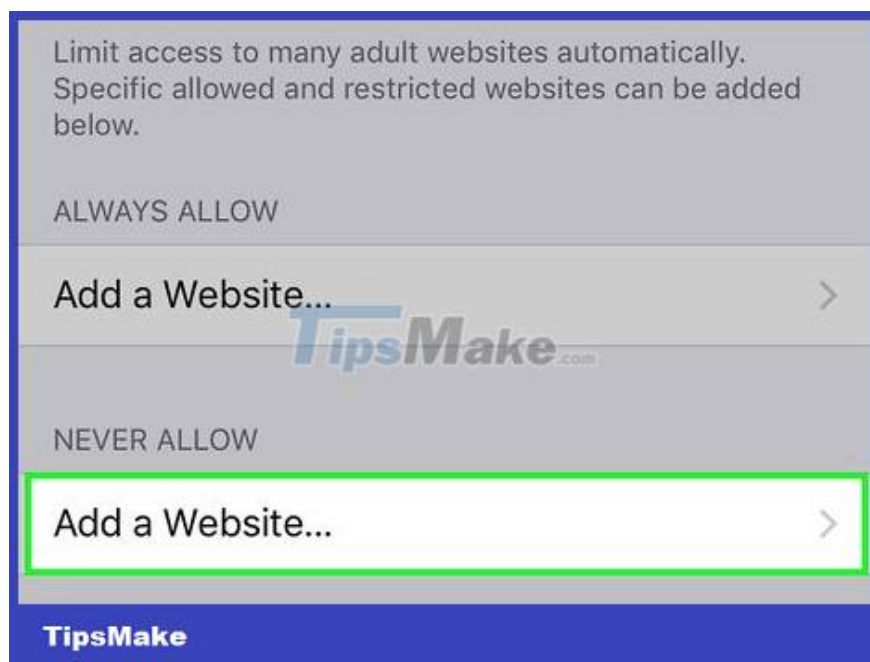
Swipe down and tap the green "Installing Apps" slider. Now the slider has turned white, indicating you cannot download the app on your iPhone.



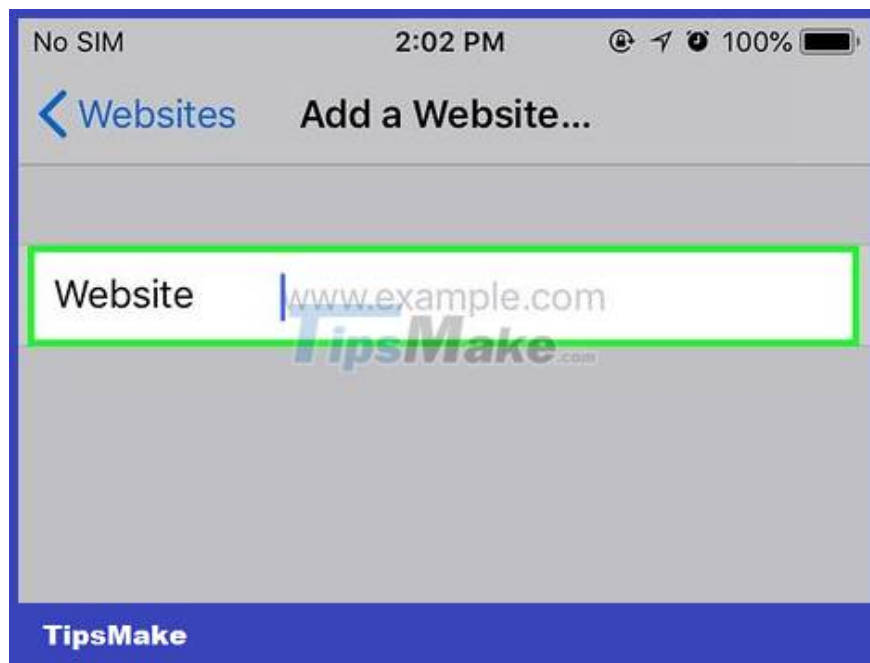
Swipe down and tap Websites . This is an option near the bottom of the "ALLOWED CONTENT" section.



Tap Limit Adult Content in the "Websites" menu.



Tap Add a Website... in the "NEVER ALLOW" section. You'll find this option near the bottom of the page.



Enter the YouTube address. Type `www.youtube.com` in the "Website" field, then tap the blue Done **button** on the keyboard.



Close the Settings app. Now YouTube has been blocked on every iPhone browser app, and no one can download the YouTube app again because the App Store is locked.

Block YouTube on Android



Install necessary applications. To block YouTube sites and apps on Android, you need the YouTube app. Don't worry, because you can then delete the YouTube app and block the Google Play Store to prevent it from downloading again. You'll also need to download the BlockSite app to block YouTube, and the Norton Lock app to password-protect BlockSite to prevent deletion:

Open **Play Store** .

Tap the search bar.

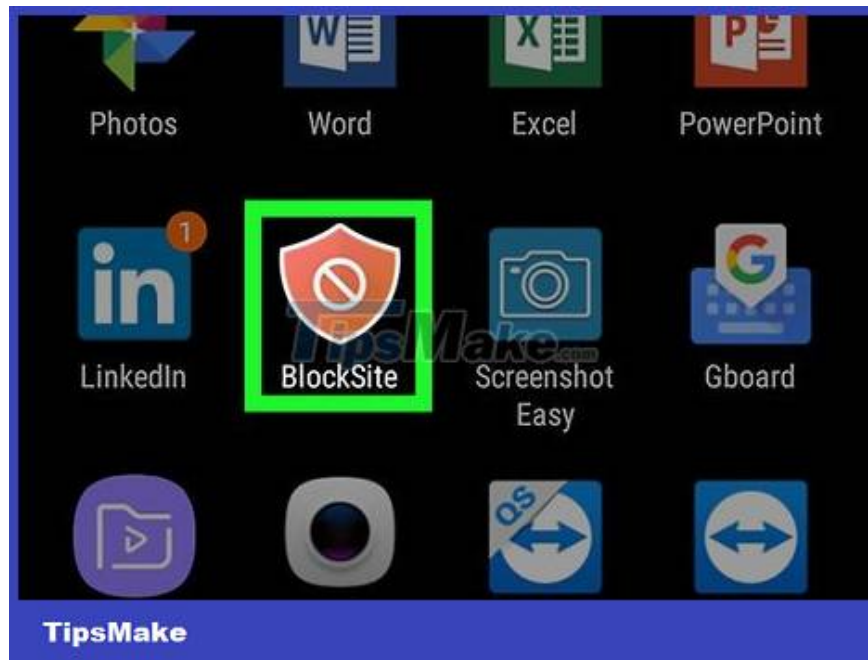
Type `blocksite`, then tap the "Search" or "Enter" button.

Tap **INSTALL** below the BlockSite heading.

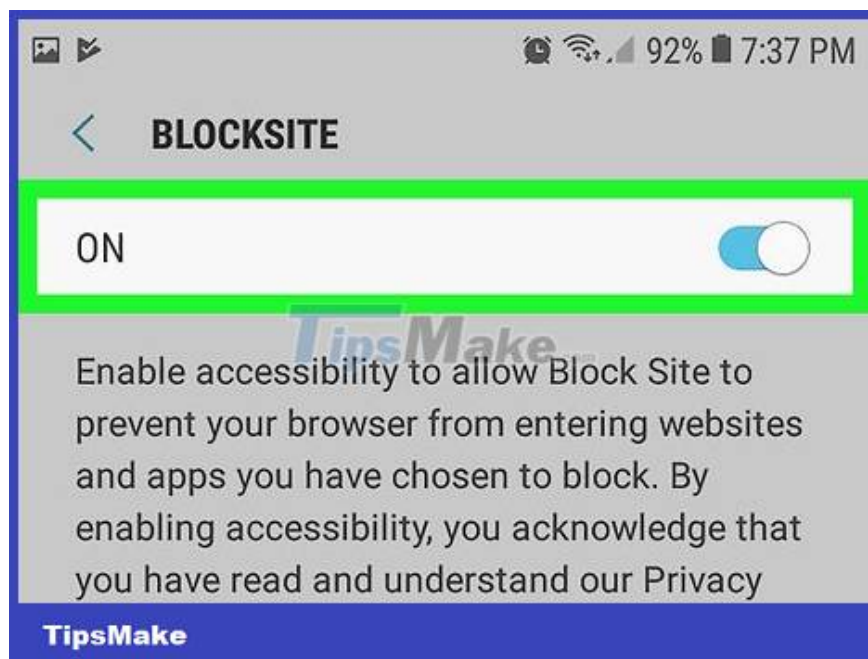
Tap the search bar, then delete content there.

Type `norton lock`, then tap **Norton App Lock** in the drop-down list.

Tap **INSTALL** .



Open BlockSite. Press the Home button to close the Play Store, then tap the BlockSite app with the white cancel icon on the orange shield.



Enable BlockSite in Android Accessibility settings. For BlockSite to be able to access and control applications, you first need to enable this setting in Settings:

Tap **ENABLE** .

Tap **GOT IT** when asked.

Tap **BlockSite** (you may have to swipe down to see it).

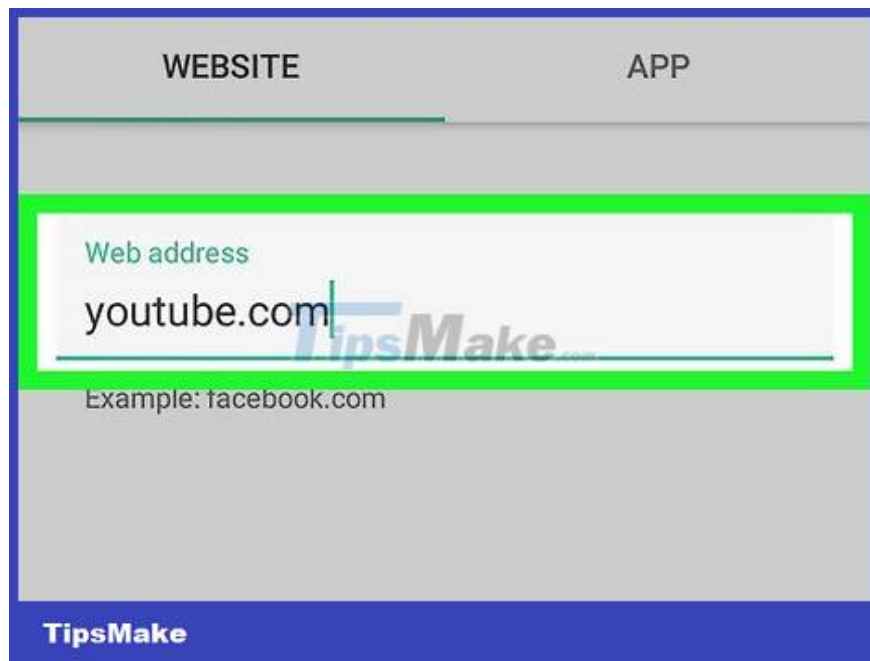
Tap the gray "OFF" slider.

Tap **OK** when asked, then enter your Android PIN if required.



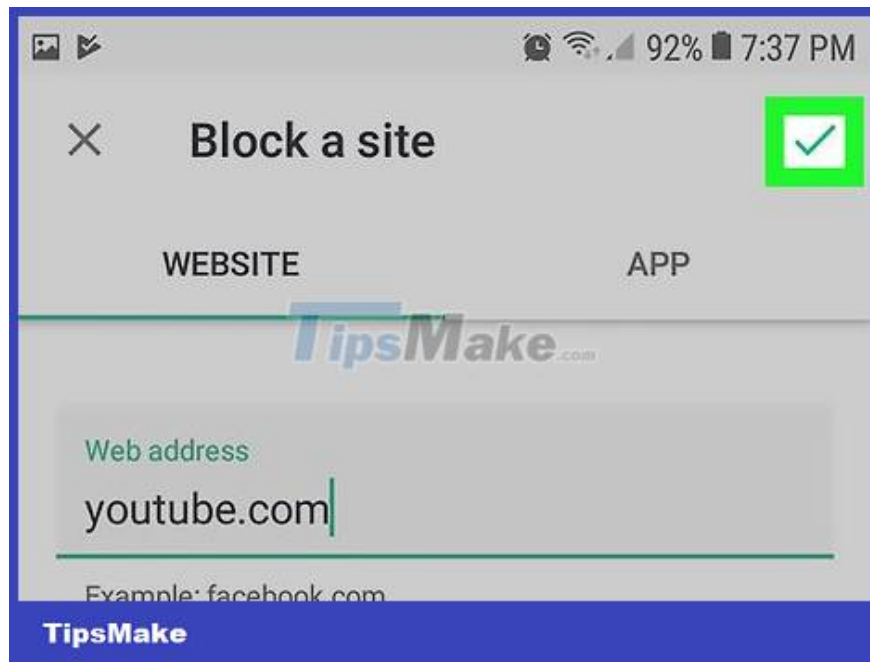
Tap **?** in the lower right corner of the screen.

If BlockSite doesn't show up after you select **OK** , you'll have to open the app again before doing this.



Enter the YouTube address. Enter youtube . comthe field at the top of the page so Android's built-in browser apps can't access YouTube.

Unlike other content blockers, you don't need to block the YouTube mobile site ("m.youtube.com") when using BlockSite.



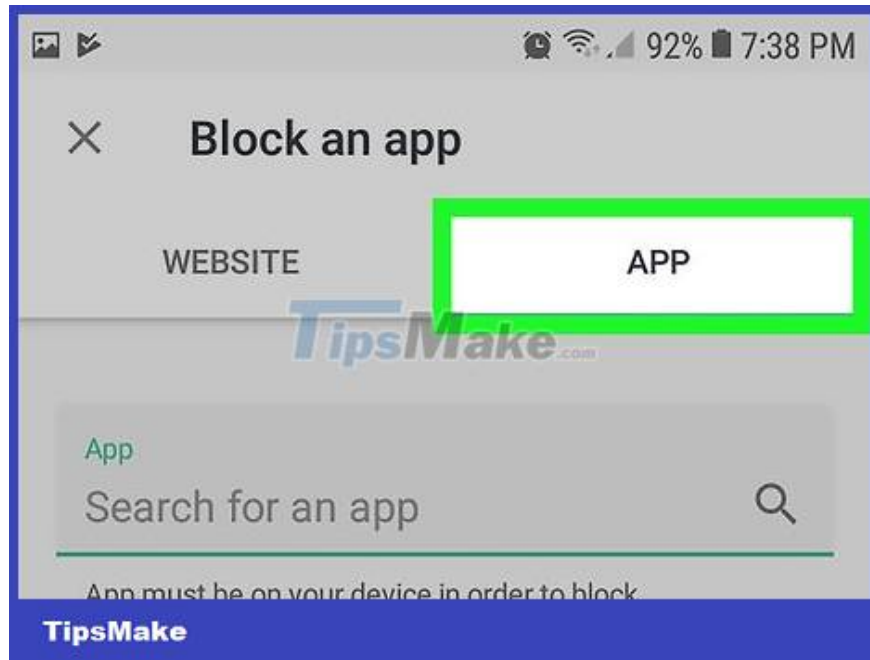
Tap in the top right corner of the screen. This is the action to block YouTube on Chrome browser and other built-in Android browser applications.

If your device has third-party browser apps (such as Firefox), you'll need to lock them with Norton Lock to prevent young children from accessing YouTube from here, as BlockSite doesn't control these apps.

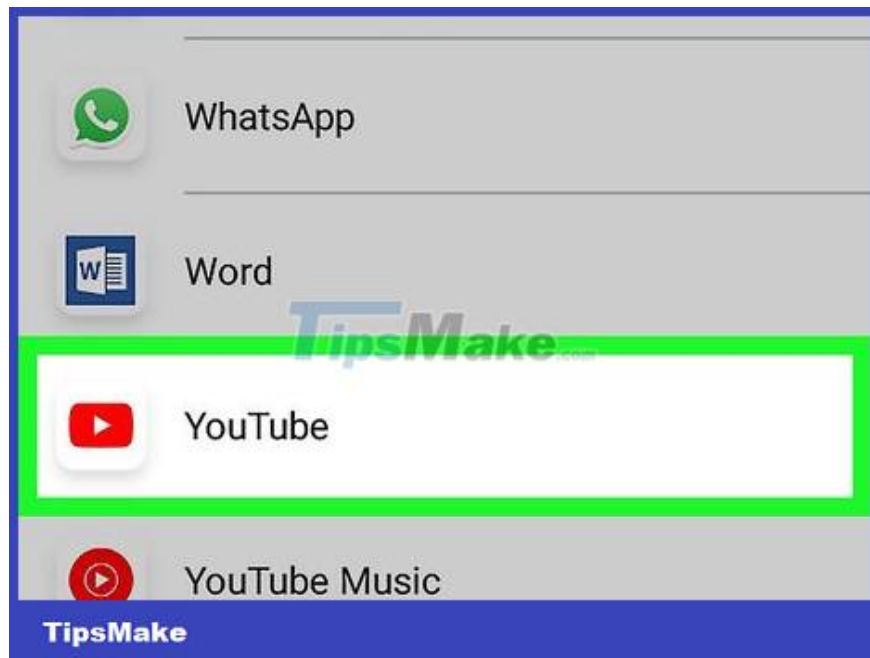


Tap ? again. You will see this option in the bottom right corner of the screen.

If you don't have YouTube installed on your Android device, skip this step and the next two.



Tap the APP tab at the top of the screen. The list of applications will display here.



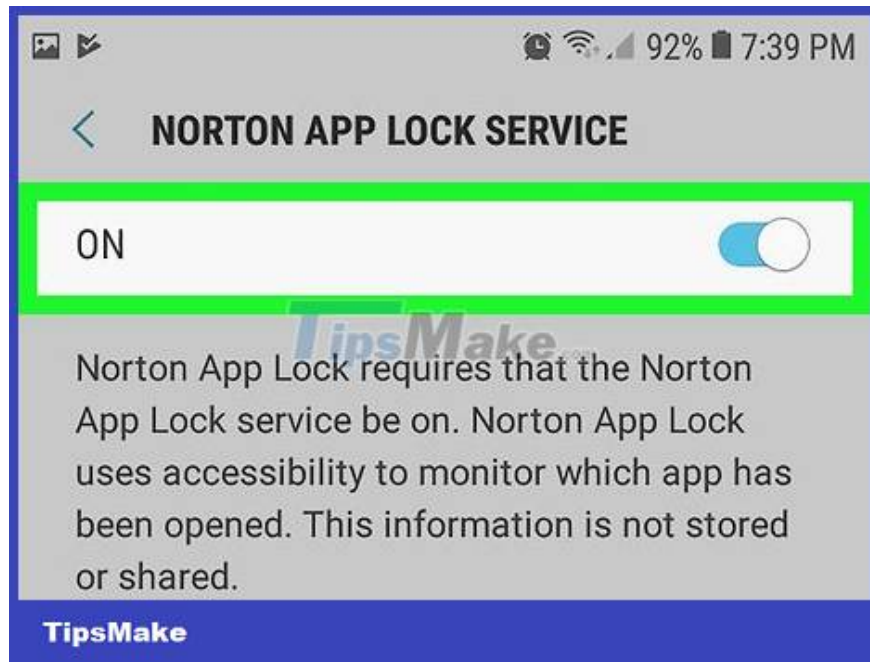
Swipe down and tap YouTube in the list of apps. This is the operation to add YouTube to the list of blocked applications on Android.



Open Norton App Lock. Press the Home button, then tap the Norton Lock app with the black icons in a yellow and white circle.



Tap Agree & Launch when asked. This will open the Norton Lock application.



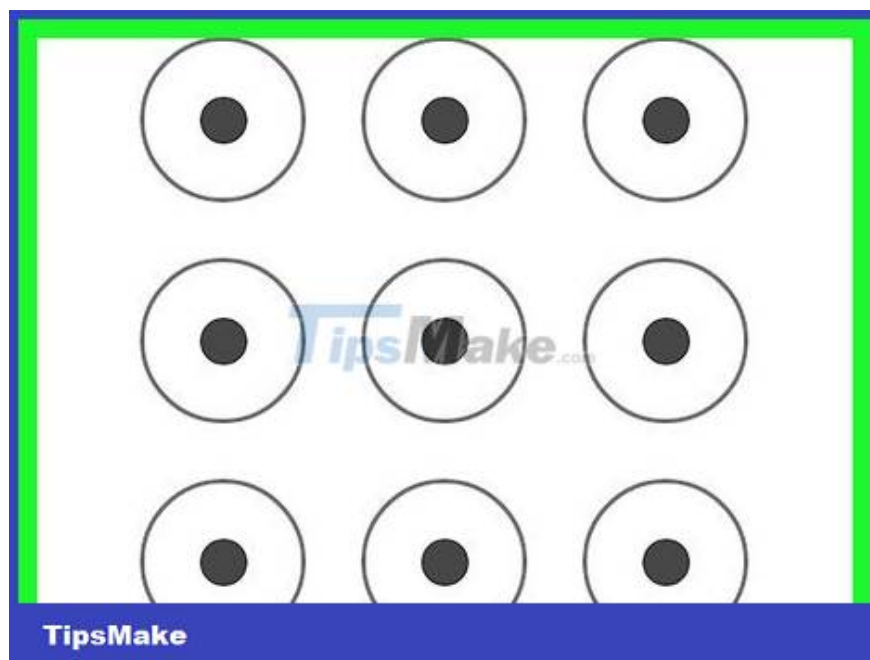
Turn on Norton Lock in the Accessibility menu. Similar to BlockSite, you need to give Norton Lock access rights:

Tap **Setup** .

Tap **Norton App Lock Service** (you may have to swipe down to find the app).

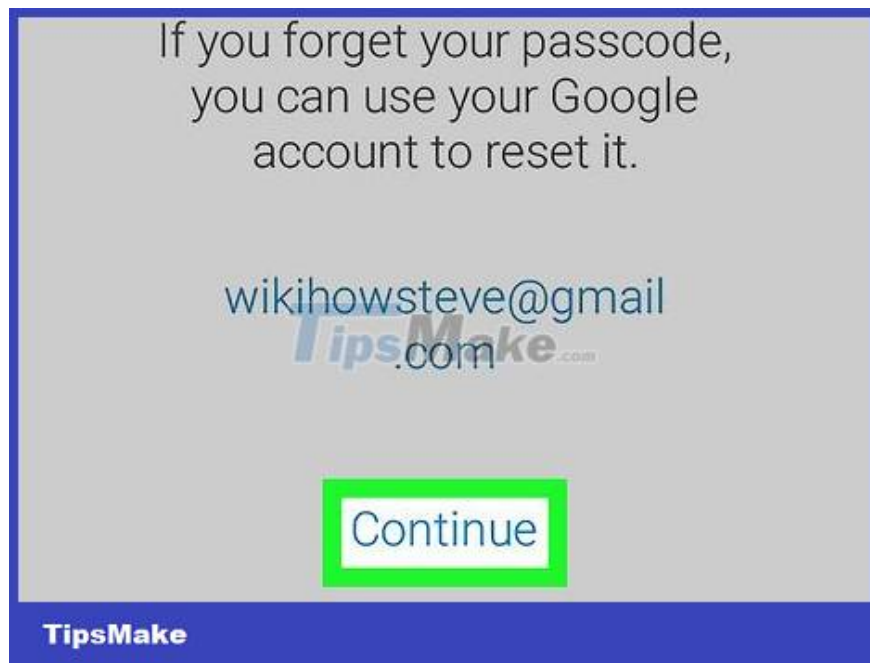
Tap the gray "OFF" slider.

Tap **OK** when asked.



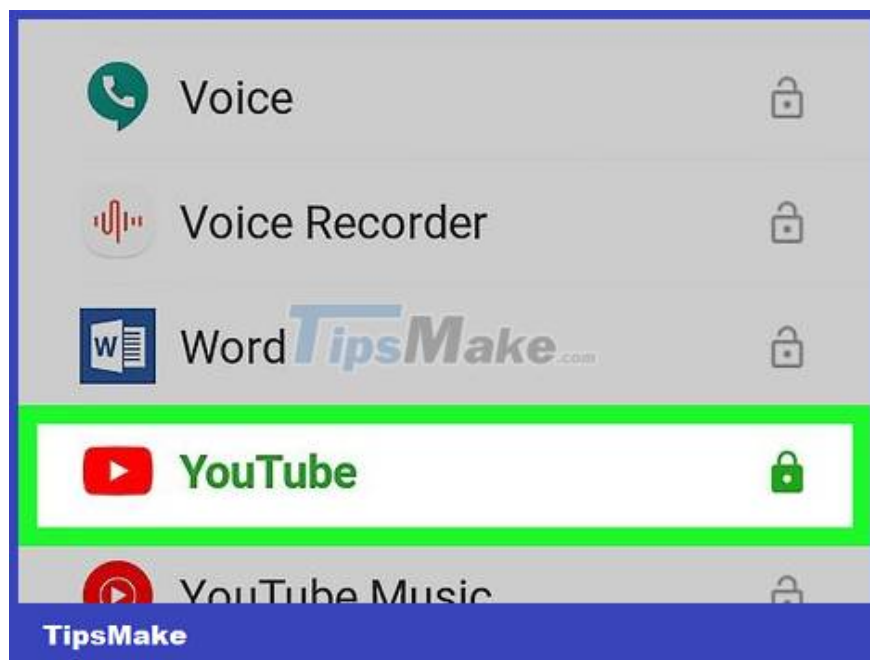
Generate unlock code. When the Norton Lock app appears, you'll draw a pattern, then redraw that pattern when prompted. This is the unlock code for locked applications.

If you want to use a passcode instead of a pattern, tap **SWITCH TO PASSCODE** and enter the passcode you want to create twice.



Tap Continue . It's at the bottom of the screen.

You can reset your Norton Lock passcode through your Google account when needed.



Block essential applications. Swipe down and tap the following apps to block access without a passcode:

BlockSite

Play Store

Any browser not controlled by BlockSite (such as browsers other than Chrome or built-in browsers like Firefox or UC Browser)

Norton Lock will also lock the Settings app and itself by default. When the Play Store is locked, no one can access YouTube without the password.

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