

There's an app for that...

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The term "App" is shorthand for application software. Application software is a software program you can download to your cell phone, computer or Internet enabled device to perform functions, tasks or activities for the benefit of the user. The apps usually come in two formats, iOS for devices using Apple operating systems and Android, for devices using Android operating systems.

There are apps available for almost anything you can imagine. But, we'd like to call your attention to two apps that can be extremely useful for subscribers of WTRT and WT Services. Both apps are FREE to download at Google Play (for Android Users) or the App Store (for iPhone users).

Smarthub

The first app is Smarthub. Smarthub ensures you have the convenience of WTRT or WT Services customer service at your fingertips, 24 hours a day, 7 days a



week. It's a secure way to manage your WTRT or WT Services account. You can check your account usage, pay your bill, initiate a service call or conduct two-way communication with customer service. First, you log into the Smarthub link on our website and create a Smarthub account within our customer information system. This account is the "link" between your account information and use of the app on your mobile device.



Next you download the app on your device. To get started, use your cell phone or Internet enabled

device, such as a tab-



let or Ipad to access the Internet. Touch the applicable App resource icon on your device (Google Play for Android, App Store for iOS). When Google Play or iOS opens, use the search function to locate the Smarthub app.

Tap the free button for Smarthub, and then tap the install button. Depending on your device, you may need to enter your Google Account or Apple ID to confirm the download of the app. Once the app has downloaded, you will tap either GPS location or Name to identify your service provider. Once you've located WT Services/West Texas Rural Telephone, tap the confirm button.

It will be at this time you enter your Smart-

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Application software is available for almost anything you can imagine.
- Apps can be downloaded to your cell phone, computer or Internet enabled device.
- WTRT and WT Services are making two apps available free for downloading.
- Smarthub and Stingray are the two free apps being made available.
- Smarthub is a secure way to manage your WTRT or WT Services Account.
- With Smarthub you can check your account, pay your bill, initiate a service call, or communicate with customer service.
- Stingray makes commercial-free music available .



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hub account user information to connect your app with your account information. If you'd like assistance in creating your Smarthub account, or downloading the app, please call or visit one of our office locations. We're happy to help.



Stingray Music App

If you subscribe to WTRT or WT Services television service, you can take advantage of the Stingray music app, too. It's all the carefully comprised, commercial-free music channels from your TV service available to you on the go, from your mobile devices. And, the app is compatible with Sonos wireless wifi, Android Auto, Apple Carplay and Chromecast. You can take your favorite music with you on the road.

Android devices even allow you to set your favorite music channel as your alarm clock. So, whatever mood you're in, whatever genre strikes your fancy, or whatever

event you want to create a musical backdrop for – it's all there at your fingertips. Stream music your way, as part of your WTRT or WT Services TV subscription.

Just like Smarthub, you'll find this app FREE at the App Store or on Google Play. Download it today by following these instructions.

1. Go to App Store or Google Play Store on your phone, depending on whether your device is an Apple device or Android Device.

Use the search function or scroll down until you find Stingray Music icon

1. Click  on Install
2. After installation is done, click on "open"
3. Scroll down to "sign in"
4. Create an account: enter an email address and choose password
5. Place phone in front of your TV
6. Enjoy!

You will have free and unlimited access to the Stingray music app if you subscribe to WTRT or WT Services televi-

sion service. Again, if you have any questions or would like assistance, we're here to help.

Security cameras can assist in protecting rural farmscapes

This is a wildly busy time of year on farms all over the WTRT/WTS service area. Parts to gather, with harvest delayed, equipment going everywhere. There's likely a fortune in equipment just parked around your headquarters and inside your shop building, barns, and work sheds. Tractors, trucks, implements, four-wheelers, welders, power tools and wrenches--it all adds up.

How are you fixed for security to protect such a substantial investment when you're out on the back forty and can't keep an eye on everything at the shop?

WT Services, a subsidiary of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, is a licensed security camera service provider for farms, ranches, homes and businesses. Security cameras from WT Services can help keep keep watch over all of the valuables around the farmstead.

"Today's 'security' cameras have almost unlimited applications to add convenience, efficiency and peace-of-mind in both business and residential settings," said

Amy Linzey, chief executive officer and general manager of WTRT and WT Services.

"Whether you want to monitor livestock, the farm or ranch premises, check on kids coming home after school, install a nanny cam or verify personnel making deliveries to your property, there is a camera made for the job. And, they don't have to be expensive or complicated to be effective," she added

WT Services has worked diligently to make security and other service cameras available, as well as having professional installation and support.

"Our staff are very happy to explore the options with you to find the right fit for your needs, property, and budget. We look forward to finding the picture-perfect solution for you."

If you'd like to learn more about security cameras or develop a plan for including them at your business, home, farm or ranch, contact Ruben Coronado, WT Services business solutions manager at 364-3331, office, or 357-7080, cell.