Best settings for Fire TV Stick

Five quick changes that make a Fire Stick smoother and stop most buffering.

Do these once. They take about five minutes.

Before you start

- Use the power plug that came with your Fire Stick, not a USB port on the TV.
- If your Fire Stick is behind the TV, use the small extension cable that came in the box. It helps the Wi-Fi.

Change these settings

1. On the home screen, go to **Settings** (the gear icon on the right).
2. Open **Display & Sounds** → **Display** → **Video Resolution** and pick **Auto**.
3. In the same menu, set **Match Original Frame Rate** to **On** if you see it. It stops the picture judder on sport.
4. Go back to **Settings** → **Preferences** → **Privacy Settings** and turn **off** "Device Usage Data" and "Collect App Usage Data". This frees up a little speed.
5. Go to **Settings** → **Preferences** → **Featured Content** and turn **off** "Allow Video Autoplay" and "Allow Audio Autoplay".
6. Go to **Settings** → **Applications** → **Manage Installed Applications**. Uninstall apps you never use.

Once a week

1. Unplug the Fire Stick for 30 seconds, then plug it back in. A fresh start fixes most slowdowns.

> **Tip** The newer Fire TV Stick 4K Max has faster Wi-Fi. If you still buffer after all this, an Ethernet adapter helps a lot.

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