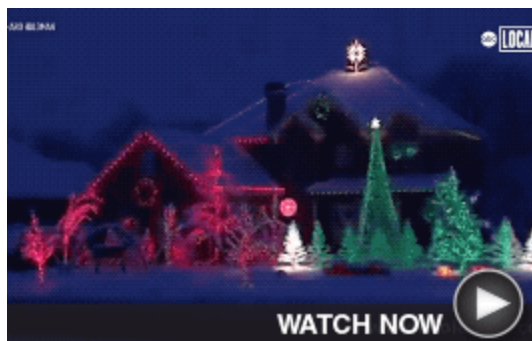


## MUST-SEE VIDEOS



### 8 Best Christmas Houses

Do you hang a few light strands on your bushes and call it good? You'll be amazed and inspired by these displays.



### Float-Through McDonalds

Paddling works up an appetite. Check out this float-through McDonalds located in — wait for it — Hamburg, Germany.

## NEWS AND VIEWS



### SITES OF THE MONTH

Hartelco hopes your Christmas season is filled with wonderful moments and warm smiles. As you plan your activities, please take note of our office's holiday schedule:

**Closed on Friday, December 24th**

**Closed on Friday, December 31st**

In case of a service emergency, please call us at 402-254-3901 and press 1.

## Shop Safely Online this Holiday Season

The holiday season means everyone is busy online shopping, especially scammers. The risks of getting scammed are higher during the holidays. Stay safe by using these online shopping tips!

1. **Shop with trustworthy retailers.** Bookmark your favorite shopping sites to get there quickly and safely.
2. **Always be careful of businesses you're unfamiliar with.** Do your homework, and read online reviews if you want to purchase from a business, you have not previously ordered from.

3. **Be wary of too-good-to-be-true deals.** Remember, if an offer looks too good to be true, then it probably is.
4. **Do not to browse on public Wi-Fi.** Avoid shopping while using public Wi-Fi because a hacker could be spying on your online activity.
5. **Check the site's security before you buy.** Looking for a lock icon in the browser bar of a site allows you to verify that they use SSL (Secure Sockets Layer). The URL also should start with "https" rather than just "http."
6. **Don't fall for email scams.** Delete suspicious messages from unfamiliar senders and don't open attachments or click links in messages because they could infect your computer or phone with viruses and other malware.
7. **Make every attempt possible to guard your personal information.** No retail website should ever ask for your Social Security number.
8. **Pay with a credit card instead of a debit card.** A credit card doesn't give a seller direct access to the money in your bank account. Also, most credit cards offer \$0 liability for fraud.
9. **Keep a very sharp eye out for fraud.** Check your bank and credit card statements for fraudulent charges at least once a week.
10. **Always track your purchases.** After you make an online purchase, keep tabs on it to make sure it's headed your way. (Most websites send you emails with tracking information after your purchase is confirmed)

The good news is that by taking just a few security measures, we can greatly reduce our exposure to all these threats. Holiday shopping should be enjoyable, without fraud! Be on the lookout and stay safe!



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##### Driving Force

Your car may have safety features you don't know about or aren't using. Explore this site to watch videos and learn more.

[Learn more...](#)



##### Track All Your Packages

Shopping online for lots of gifts? Track all of your packages — from UPS, FedEx, Amazon, and more — on this one site.

[Learn more...](#)



##### Unclaimed Property

Every state has unclaimed property programs to find owners of lost and forgotten assets. Is there money waiting for you?

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#### CUSTOMER ALERT



## BEWARE OF GIFT CARD PAYMENT SCAMS

Gift cards are popular holiday presents. Unfortunately, scammers also love them, since they're more like cash and provide virtually untraceable ways to steal...

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### COOKING DEMOS



#### 10 Holiday Cookies

Learn to make yummy cookies including Christmas Swirl, Snow Ball, Cranberry Orange, and Red Velvet Crinkle.



#### 7 Healthy Soups

From Matzo Ball Soup to Spicy Corn Chowder, these easy recipes are the perfect choice for dinner on a cold day.

### POPULAR APPS



#### Cool Places to Stay

Airbnb offers unique listings in over 34,000 cities. This app lets you easily explore your options and book your next stay.

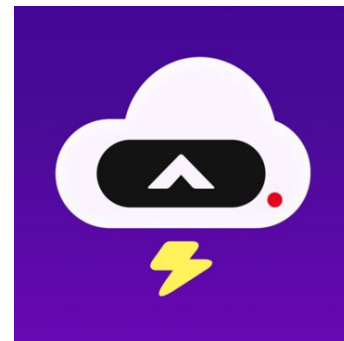
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#### Simply Fun Game

When you want to "go with the flow," this simple yet addictive Flow Free puzzle with colorful graphics may be ideal.

[Learn more...](#)



#### Weather With Attitude

Weather doesn't have to be dull. This app features hilarious dialogue and delightful animations to keep you feeling sunny.

[Learn more...](#)

### CRAFTY IDEAS



### 10 Christmas Decorations

These crafts are fast and festive! Make fake snow, emoji and snowman ornaments, glittery snowflakes, and more.



### Feed Birds Beautifully

Enhance your yard while you feed the birds with a DIY birdseed wreath, birdseed garland, or orchid pot bird feeder.

## FAQ / TUTORIAL



## IS IT BETTER TO USE A MOUSE OR A TOUCHPAD?

**Question:** I've always used a mouse, but many of my friends swear by touchpads. What are the advantages of each?

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