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Electricity, Gas, and Internet — Choose Providers and Save

How to register electricity, gas, and internet in Germany and save hundreds of euros by switching providers. Status: March 2026.

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Electricity and Gas

Grundversorger vs. Alternative Providers

If you don't choose a provider, you'll automatically be assigned to the **Grundversorger** (default supplier) in your city — this is almost always **the most expensive option**. You can switch at any time!

Average Costs 2026

Energy	1 Person	2 Persons	4 Persons
Electricity	~45 €/month	~65 €/month	~100 €/month
Gas (Heating)	~50 €/month	~80 €/month	~130 €/month

How to Switch Providers

1. Use a comparison portal: Check24.de, Verivox.de

2. Select the cheapest tariff (warning: bonus rates become more expensive in year 2!)

3. Register online — the new provider will cancel your old contract for you

4. Duration: 2–6 weeks, supply is **never interrupted**

Electricity/Gas Tips

• **First move-in**: Read your meter and contact the Grundversorger, then initiate a provider switch immediately

• **Switch annually** for maximum savings (new customer bonuses)

• **Green electricity** is often only slightly more expensive than conventional electricity

Internet

Providers and Speeds

Provider	DSL	Cable/Fiber	Special Feature
Telekom	□	□	Best network, more expensive
Vodafone	□	□	Cheap cable offers
o2	□	□	Cheapest landline provider
1&1	□	□	Good value for money
Congstar	□	□	Flexible, no cable

Costs

• **DSL 50 Mbit/s:** from 20 €/month

• **Cable 100 Mbit/s:** from 25 €/month

• **Fiber 1 Gbit/s:** from 40 €/month

Contract Terms

• Standard contracts: **24 months** (then cancellable monthly)

• Since December 2021: Contracts auto-renew **monthly** after minimum term (no longer for 12 months)

• **Cancellation right** in case of relocation if the provider doesn't serve your new location

Internet Tips

• **Check availability** before signing (breitbandmessung.de)

• **Rent or buy router?** Your own router (e.g., Fritz!Box) saves money long-term

• **Change WiFi name and password** immediately (security!)