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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!)