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Thread: [Anyone else sick of software/hardware as a subscription-IE Security Cameras?](#)

MadScientist - June 5, 2026, 12:48 pm

So sick of devices that require the same price as the device as a yearly subscription otherwise their devices are essentially useless. Got my old Wyze cameras out after some incident and they want \$30 a month PER camera (the cameras literally cost \$30 each to buy new) just to actually receive video alerts and smart alerts otherwise it just sends you a 3 second thumbnail -_-

Wake - June 5, 2026, 2:27 pm

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Yeah I'd need several I had my back window broken out while I was sleeping last year, I have 6 cameras indoor/outdoor atm - don't have a back fence

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Yeah I already talked to some of the people and told them its water under the bridge and I dont take it personal, but then another fat drunk tweaker from another house they're linked with started the fight all over again -_- Broo I just want to live out in the woods with a couple dogs and a nerdy hippy chick living off the land. Cant stand being around shitty people :-P Hopefully the future holds something brighter soon <3

DramaKing - June 5, 2026, 7:52 pm

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Indeed >.< I knew all that stuff too but rush buy after an event and didnt realize how much they stripped back camera from my last buy like 16 years ago.

Had no shipping address at the time, get no mail where I lived