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Apple just replaced your *subscriptions.*

12 paid apps, the free iOS 27 feature that replaces each one, exactly what you keep and what you lose, and the honest verdict on whether to cancel.

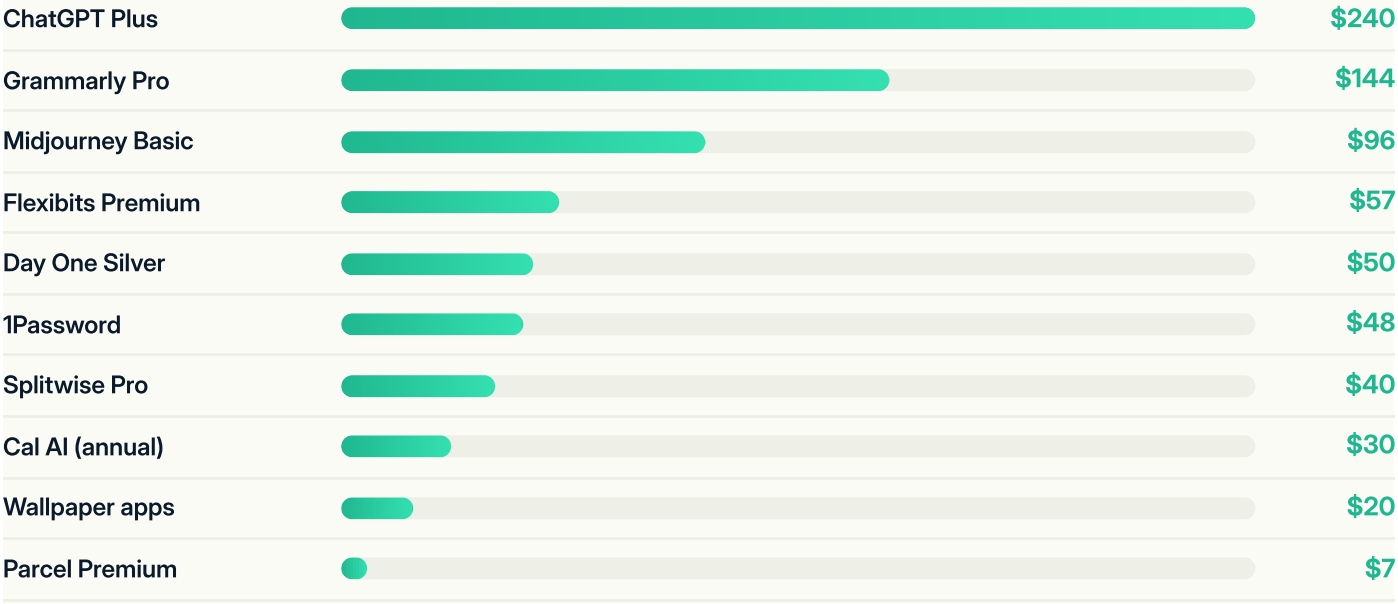
$736
a year if you pay for all twelve

12
apps compared, card by card

10
more in the lightning round

What you're paying vs. what's now free

Annual US prices for the twelve apps in this guide, as of June 2026. Nobody subscribes to all of them, but if even three or four of these are on your card, the new built-in features below are worth a serious look before your next renewal.



$736/yr The full stack, if you subscribed to everything on this list. A more realistic mix of three or four of these still runs $250 to $450 a year, and iOS 27 replaces the everyday version of each one for free.

CANCEL IT

Apple's free feature covers what most people actually use the app for.

PROBABLY CANCEL

Casual users can stop paying. Specialists may still want the app's depth.

KEEP, IF...

The app survives on something Apple didn't copy, like other platforms or deeper features.

The twelve, card by card

Each card shows the price, the iOS 27 feature that replaces it, what you'd still be paying for, and what you no longer need.

Grammarly Pro

WRITING ASSISTANT

$144 /year

REPLACED BY
System-wide automatic proofreading + Write with Siri

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR
- Deep style and clarity rewrites
- Plagiarism checker
- Use on Windows and the web

YOU STOP NEEDING
- Nothing for everyday typo and grammar fixes
- Apple's checks run in nearly every app, free

CANCEL IT Keep it only if you write professionally and rely on the advanced rewrites.

Cal AI & calorie scanners

SNAP-A-MEAL NUTRITION

$30–200 /year

REPLACED BY
Visual Intelligence nutrition info in the Camera

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR
- Goal tracking, streaks and history
- Macro targets and coaching

YOU STOP NEEDING
- The core trick: point at a plate, get nutrition info
- That trick is now free in the Camera

CANCEL IT The weekly plans cost up to $200/year for what the Camera now does.

ChatGPT Plus (casual use)

AI CHATBOT

$240 /year

REPLACED BY
Siri AI: conversations, web answers, its own app

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR
- The strongest models and heavy usage
- Custom GPTs, projects, file analysis
- Works everywhere, today

YOU STOP NEEDING
- Quick questions, brainstorms and everyday answers
- Siri AI is free, private, and synced across devices

KEEP IF YOU'RE A POWER USER Siri AI is beta, English-only at launch. Casual users can wait it out and save $240.

Midjourney Basic

AI IMAGE GENERATION

$96

/year

REPLACED BY

Image Playground with photorealistic styles

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR

- Top-tier artistic quality
- Fine control and community styles

YOU STOP NEEDING

- Casual image generation for fun, wallpapers and posts
- Image Playground is free with daily limits

PROBABLY CANCEL Pros keep it. Everyone who joined for fun can stop paying.

TouchRetouch

OBJECT REMOVAL

$4+

one-time / subs

REPLACED BY

Enhanced Clean Up in Photos

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR

- Line and mesh removal tools
- Fine manual control

YOU STOP NEEDING

- Removing photobombers and distractions
- Clean Up now handles complex scenes, free

PROBABLY SKIP Cheap anyway, but most people no longer need a separate eraser app.

Wallpaper apps

VELLUM, ZEDGE & CO.

$10–20

/year typical

REPLACED BY

Image Playground wallpapers + Lock Screen art

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR

- Curated, hand-made collections
- Community packs

YOU STOP NEEDING

- Custom backgrounds on demand
- Describe a wallpaper and your iPhone makes it

CANCEL IT The whole category existed because custom wallpapers were annoying to make.

1Password Individual

PASSWORD MANAGER

$48 /year

REPLACED BY

Passwords app + one-tap password fixing

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR

- Android, Windows and Linux support
- Shared family and team vaults
- Travel Mode, Watchtower

YOU STOP NEEDING

- Storage, autofill and 2FA codes on Apple devices
- Apple now even fixes weak passwords for you

KEEP IF CROSS-PLATFORM All-Apple households can switch and save. Mixed-device users should stay.

Flexibits Premium

FANTASTICAL CALENDAR

$57 /year

REPLACED BY

Natural language events in Calendar

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR

- Calendar sets, openings and scheduling links
- Power-user views and templates

YOU STOP NEEDING

- Its signature trick: type a sentence, get an event
- Calendar now parses people, places and times

KEEP IF YOU LIVE IN IT Fantastical is deeper than one feature, but its party trick is now free.

Splitwise Pro

BILL SPLITTING

$40 /year

REPLACED BY

Visual Intelligence bill splitting with Apple Cash

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR

- Ongoing group balances and history
- Trips, roommates and recurring expenses

YOU STOP NEEDING

- The one-off dinner split
- Point the camera at the bill, pick your items, done

KEEP FOR GROUPS Casual splitters can drop Pro. Roommates and trip groups still need it.

Price tracker tools

KEEPA, HONEY & CO.

$0–120
/year

REPLACED BY
Safari Notify Me watches pages for you

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR
- Deep Amazon price history charts
- Seller analytics for resellers

YOU STOP NEEDING
- Restock and price-drop alerts on any site
- Tell Safari what to watch for, in plain English

DROP THE PAID TIERS The free tools cost you extensions and data. Notify Me is built in.

Parcel Premium

PACKAGE TRACKING

$7
/year

REPLACED BY
Expanded Order Tracking in Wallet

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR
- 300+ carriers worldwide
- Auto-import from Amazon and email

YOU STOP NEEDING
- Basic where-is-my-order tracking
- Wallet now shows your deliveries natively

KEEP IF YOU SHIP A LOT Only $7, and honestly still better for heavy online shoppers.

Day One Silver

JOURNALING

$50
/year

REPLACED BY
Journal app with streaks, sync and timestamps

YOU KEEP PAYING FOR
- Years of entries and a mature editor
- Android and web access, books printing

YOU STOP NEEDING
- Basic private journaling with media
- Journal keeps closing the gap every year

KEEP IF INVESTED New journalers should start with the free Journal app and see if it's enough.

The lightning round

Ten more paid or ad-supported habits that iOS 27 quietly replaces. No cards needed, the swap is one line each.

Google Lens habits	→ Visual Intelligence identifies what your camera sees
Authy / Google Authenticator	→ Verification codes built into Passwords
EQ apps (Boom, SoundID)	→ AirPods Custom EQ in Settings
DJ apps (djay, Pacemaker)	→ AutoMix transitions in Apple Music
Translate apps	→ Live Translation in Messages, FaceTime and calls
Loyalty card apps (Stocard)	→ Scan a card straight into Wallet
AnyList / Bring!	→ Smarter grocery lists in Reminders
Menopause apps (Balance, Caria)	→ Perimenopause support in Health, free
Tab managers (Workona, Toby)	→ Safari groups tabs into topics on its own
Bitmoji	→ Genmoji, built into the keyboard

All prices are standard US list prices verified in June 2026 and may change, vary by region, or be discounted. Apple's features ship with iOS 27 and related releases this fall; Siri AI arrives in beta later this year, in English first, and some features require newer hardware. This guide is editorial opinion from The Useful Tech, not financial advice, and isn't affiliated with any app listed.

BEFORE YOUR NEXT RENEWAL

Check this list before *the receipt hits.*

Subscriptions renew quietly. iOS 27 lands this fall. Skim these cards once before each renewal email and keep the money that Apple just made optional.

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