**Smart Home Hubs**

**Amazon Echo** ($49.99 & up)- Every voice-activated smart home setup needs a hub, and the Echo is a good place to start. Amazon offers several models of the Alexa-powered assistant that are compatible with most smart home devices on the market.

**Google Nest** ($49 & up)- Google offers a variety of voice-activated devices in its Nest line of smart home hubs that are compatible with many smart home devices.

**Apple HomeKit**- Apple Home is a free app that allows the user to interact with the hundreds of HomeKit-compatible products by using their iOS devices and “Hey Siri” commands.

**Smart Plugs**

Smart plugs plug into the existing wall outlets in the home to allow the user to turn electronic devices on and off remotely or with their voice. Smart plugs are available from Wemo, TP-Link, Wyze, and many others starting around $20.

**Smart Switches**

Smart switches replace the existing wall switches in the home to enable remote and voice control of lights. Smart switches offer options such as dimmers, motion activation, and ambient light detectors. Smart switches from companies like GE, Leviton, and Lutron start as low as $20.
Security

Video doorbells are a great way to remotely monitor and communicate with people at your door and to confirm that packages have been delivered. Manufacturers like Ring and Nest offer video doorbells that are compatible with Alexa and Google Assistant starting around $100.

Smart locks enable users to remotely lock and unlock doors with their mobile device or voice-activated assistant and give out passcodes to family, friends, and caregivers to allow for entry to the home. Options vary, but smart locks can be purchased from manufacturers like August, Schlage, and Yale starting around $200.

Temperature Control

**Nest Thermostat** ($99.99 & up)- The Nest Thermostat is a smart thermostat that can be controlled on the device itself, with voice-activated assistants like Alexa or Google Assistant, or with iOS and Android devices.

**Ecobee Smart Thermostat** ($199.99)- The Ecobee Smart Thermostat is a thermostat and smart home hub in one. It is compatible with iOS and Android devices, as well as Alexa, Google Assistant, and Siri. It has the added benefit of having Alexa and Siri built-in, allowing it to control other smart home equipment.

**Hunter Smart Ceiling Fan** ($179.99 & up)- Hunter offers several ceiling fan models that are compatible with Alexa, Google Assistant, and Apple HomeKit.